



CALL FOR ENTRY

Merriweather District Artist-in-Residence Program

Invitation:

The Howard Hughes Corporation, (HHC), in collaboration with the Howard County Arts Council, will present the 2019 **Merriweather District Artist-in-Residence** (MD AIR) program in Downtown Columbia, MD, and is seeking applicants. Up to three artists or teams will be selected from submitted entries and provided with a stipend of \$10,000 each to spend six weeks, from May 13 – June 24, 2019, creating a work of art in a medium of their choosing. The highest priority will be given to artists who intend to produce works that reflect innovative approaches, new media and multidisciplinary art forms.

Location:

Columbia, MD, is situated in the middle of the Baltimore-Washington region, within commuting distance to jobs in these major cities and elsewhere in the corridor, as well as access to nationally recognized arts and educational institutions. It is an area distinguished by strong population and income growth and highly educated residents.

Background:

The Howard Hughes Corporation owns, manages and develops commercial, residential and mixed-use real estate in 14 states from New York to Hawaii. The Howard Hughes Corporation is traded on the New York Stock Exchange as HHC with major offices in New York, Columbia, MD, Dallas, Houston, Las Vegas and Honolulu. HHC aspires to be the most creatively driven real estate company in the world. For additional information about HHC, visit www.howardhughes.com.

A development of The Howard Hughes Corporation, Downtown Columbia is located at the center of Columbia, MD, one of the first master planned communities in the U.S. founded by legendary developer James W. Rouse in 1967. Columbia is comprised of 14,000 acres, including ten completed residential villages with a population of 102,000. The city's core was left underdeveloped until the adoption of the Downtown Columbia Plan in 2010, when The Howard Hughes Corporation assumed ownership of the 391-acre redevelopment site. More information is available at www.howardhughes.com/properties/downtown-columbia.

Through the realization of Jim Rouse’s original vision for a true urban center and the Downtown Columbia Plan that is guiding that development, Columbia is becoming a Center for Culture and Commerce for the region. The themes of art, innovation and technology are infused throughout the vision of Downtown Columbia and are apparent as Downtown is evolving through industry-focused business development, entrepreneurial initiatives, public art, environmentally innovative open spaces, and events and festivals. The iconic Merriweather Post Pavilion, the 50-year-old nationally-ranked outdoor concert venue, is undergoing a \$50 million renovation and expansion. The Chrysalis amphitheater, which was dedicated in April 2017, is nearby in Merriweather Park at Symphony Woods. Within walking distance is the state-of-the-art Peter and Elizabeth Horowitz Visual and Performing Arts Center on the campus of Howard Community College.

In October of 2018, The Howard Hughes Corporation presented the second annual OPUS Merriweather festival which took over the Merriweather Post Pavilion and Chrysalis amphitheatres and the surrounding woodlands for an evening of art, music and technology in the forest, attracting nearly 15,000 people to an immersive environment of discovery and wonder. OPUS’s large scale art installations, mesmerizing music and other performances signaled the Merriweather District’s future as a cultural hub. For more information, visit <https://www.facebook.com/opusmerriweather/videos/271679166668520/>

At full build out, Downtown Columbia will include three new neighborhoods – Merriweather District, Lakefront District and Central District – featuring more than 14 million square feet of residential, office, hotel, retail, cultural, and public uses including parks, multi-use pathways and more. The Downtown Columbia Plan calls for transforming what has been a suburban community into a dense, mixed use, mixed income, walkable area in which residents can live, shop, work, entertain, exercise, and enjoy cultural opportunities in an enriched natural setting. More information is available at www.dtcpartnership.com.

Howard County Arts Council

The Howard Hughes Corporation is collaborating with the Howard County Arts Council in presenting the Merriweather District Artist-in-Residence (MD AIR) program. The Howard County Arts Council is a model multi-purpose arts agency that supports a wide variety of programs and opportunities – grants to arts organizations, affordable studio, rehearsal and performance space for artists, classes for children and adults, advocacy and more – that are essential to artistic development in Howard County. In addition to providing expertise and advice, the Arts Council will have a representative on the artist selection panel, administer the on-line selection process (www.hocoarts.submittable.com) and assist with MD AIR open studio activities.

Goals:

The general goals of the MD AIR program are to:

- Define and advance the identity of the Merriweather District as a Center of Culture and Commerce;
- Build meaningful engagement between artists and the community;
- Expand public understanding of the importance of vision, creativity and innovation in evoking a sense of place and community, culture and commerce; and
- Build a community of artists involved in the evolution of and connected to the Merriweather District.

Requirements:

MD AIR is open to local, national and international artists working in all media including, but not limited to, performance, video, 2-D and 3-D visual arts, dance, music, and the spoken word; priority consideration will be given to artists exploring light, music, technology and/or interactivity in their work.

- Applications will be due at www.hocoarts.submittable.com by 11:59 p.m. February 4, 2019.
- Collaboration: Applicants must apply and be accepted individually; however, the artist may choose to work with a partner; the team will be counted as one artist for purposes of the stipend, housing and other benefits.
- Artists will be required to spend at least four weeks in the provided studio space.
- Age: 21 or over
- Other requirements are more fully explained in the the Application.

Facilities and Services:

- Studio: shared studio will be provided to the selected artists. A small communal lounge and eating area will be provided within the studio.
- Housing: a private bedroom in a shared housing facility, within blocks of the studio space. Shared bathrooms and cooking/kitchen facilities included. Towel, linens, and weekly housekeeping services provided.
- Meals: per diem of \$75.00 for out-of-town artists staying in the provided housing.
- Wireless computer/internet access: provided in the residential and studio facilities.
- Stipend: \$10,000 each (team will count as 1).
- Cost of transportation from airport or train station will be reimbursed with prior approval of transportation plans.
- Other facilities and services may be available depending upon the circumstances and needs of the selected artists.

Additional Expectations/opportunities:

- Participation in frequent activities promoting MD AIR program
- Showcased in HHC documentation video
- Included in Open Studio events during the residency
- Artists will retain full ownership and control of their work subject to a license for HHC to use depictions of the work for non-commercial purposes.

Selection Process:

A selection panel of 5 jurors will review applications and select the MD AIR artists. The selection will be based on the submitted application materials.

Criteria:

- Quality of work and originality as evidenced by entry concept drawings of proposed work or concept drawings and representations of past public works
- Ability of the artist to successfully complete the scope of work as described in the application within the timeframe
- Probability of proposed work advancing MD AIR goals

Timeline:

- February 4, 2019: Call for Entry materials must be emailed or postmarked
- March 8, 2019: Program applicants notified of selections
- March 11, 2019: Contracts due
- May 11, 2019: Studio and residence move-in begins
- May 13, 2019: Work begins in studio
- June 24, 2019: Work concludes in studio
- June 28, 2019: Move-out of studio and residence

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