

**BERNHEIM ARTIST IN RESIDENCE PROGRAM
2018-2019 REQUEST FOR PROPOSALS**

Applications for the 2018 - 2019 residency will be accepted November 13, 2017 through midnight EST, January 14, 2018.

BACKGROUND: Bernheim is a private, non-profit educational and recreational nature preserve located on a beautiful 15,625-acre property, 25 miles south of Louisville in Clermont, Kentucky. Bernheim also includes a nationally recognized 600 acre Olmsted designed arboretum with over 8,000 specimens of plants. The combined property is equal to the size of Manhattan and is the largest area of private, protected land east of the Mississippi River. Open throughout the year, over 250,000 visitors connect with nature annually, by enjoying 40+ miles of hiking trails and abundant recreational and nature-related opportunities, including an Edible Garden, a Canopy Tree Walk and a Children's Play Garden.

The Artist in Residence Program promotes multi-disciplinary explorations of our relationship with the natural environment through artistic expression, expanding upon Bernheim's long history of art in the landscape. The Artist in Residence Program is available to all visual and mixed media artists in any medium. Applicants may be emerging or established artists on a regional, national or international level. Bernheim will provide comfortable housing in a beautiful wooded setting and an honorarium up to \$2,500.00 USD.** In exchange, artists will create a site-specific sculpture or project or exhibition, with at least one mutually agreed upon work of art left to the Bernheim Foundation. There is also some form of public engagement required such as a lecture, workshop, demonstration or participation in one of Bernheim's annual events, such as CONNECT. (Please visit our website at www.bernheim.org to learn more about program and event information.)

Artists are encouraged to use this residency to further investigate, experiment, and explore avenues in their work. Bernheim is most interested in work that furthers expands the artist's practice and the interplay between visual art and the natural world. This program enhances the visitor experience through interaction with art and artists while fulfilling Bernheim's mission of *"connecting people to nature"*, through the lens of art. Bernheim believes that if people recognize and benefit from the value found in nature, quality of life would be enhanced, hence motivating them to protect the natural world for both its practical and intrinsic value.

The residency provides the artist an opportunity to advance their skills and career while enhancing awareness of Bernheim's goals and mission regionally, nationally and internationally. Bernheim will provide comfortable housing in a one-room cabin with kitchen, AC, heating, Wi-Fi and a log-burning fireplace accessible from outside the arboretum. Other lodging options are potentially available if several artists work as a team. The selected artists will be given access to Bernheim's grounds and some limited support by operations, forest and horticulture staff, if required. Material support is not available although natural materials are available such as fallen trees and plant material.

***This honorarium is to help offset travel expenses for artists visiting from afar. Recipients of a Bernheim Regional Artist in Residence can expect to receive a minimum of \$1000 honorarium. Regional artists include those currently living in Kentucky, and Southern Indiana.*

- **Duration:** 6 weeks to three months. Awarded artists work with Bernheim in arranging residency dates based on their desired time frame within the year.
- **Cost:** There are no residency or application fees, but the artist is responsible for all travel and other living expenses while in residence.
- **Number of residencies awarded annually:** Bernheim will award up to four artists a year with one residency dedicated to a Regional artist living in Kentucky and Southern Indiana.

Artist -in-Residence 2018 - 2019 APPLICATION

CONTACT INFORMATION:

Name _____
Web site (if any) _____
Cell # (____) _____ Daytime # (____) _____
Email address _____
Address _____
City _____
Province/State/Region _____
Country _____ ZIP _____
How did you hear about the program? (Please be specific) _____

Postmarked deadline is midnight EST January 14, 2018. Applicants will be notified of the results by late March, 2018. If you need any additional information or if you have questions please contact Visual Arts Coordinator, Jenny Zeller by email at jzeller@bernheim.org.

All applications must include:

- 1) Resume or Biography (2,000 word limit)
- 2) 10 image files OR up to 10 video or audio files not exceeding a combined length of 5 minutes. Limit image resolutions to 1280 pixels on longest side at 72dpi. For video, please use .mp4 or .mov formats. For audio, please submit mp3 or wav formats. Important: The artist's name must not be revealed in any submitted work.
- 3) A corresponding item list of titles, medium, size, date and up to a 50 word description of each item.
- 4) Suggested project proposal (500 word or less)
- 5) Artist statement (500 word or less)
- 6) Other Information (500 word limit) Please tell us about possible space and project needs. What kind of space will you need to do your work? Describe where you see yourself working and what art making activities you imagine yourself performing while at Bernheim. We have a modest studio located on a lake, plant and insect collections, and acres of meadow, lakes, ponds and forests. Tell us what else you need in order to research and produce your art.
- 7) The name and affiliation of three references as well as their contact information.

Entry procedure:

Please follow these steps for sending us your files.

- Name each photo, video or sound file by its title (e.g.: Empire_of_Trees.mp4).
- Place file(s) along with contact information, resume, statement, item list, proposal and other information files into one folder. (Please combine all into a single Word or pdf document.)
- Name that folder by your first and last name
- Compress that folder into a .zip archive

If submitting electronically, an email notification will be sent stating that we have received your application within one week. If mailing a hard copy application (cd or dvd) submit all materials by certified mail, Federal Express, or UPS Next Day Air, all of which will provide a return receipt. Mailed applications must be dated by January 14th, 2018. No original works will be accepted. We are not responsible for safety of your digital files during shipping and will not be able to return your submission materials.

If your application is over 2G, please mail your application to:

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