

## **PMRCAA Residency Program: Community Engagement Opportunities**

At PMRCAA, our work is deeply rooted in the local community and its unique sense of place. We actively seek opportunities to connect our resident artists with the community as we believe that fostering these connections is vital for the enrichment of both visiting artists and the local community as a whole.

As a resident artist, we invite you to engage meaningfully with the PMRCAA community during your residency. Here are some suggested ways to make that connection:

### **1. Community talk, Presentation, or Reading of Your Work:**

Sharing your work through a community talk, presentation, or reading is an excellent way to engage and share your work. Whether you have a specific audience in mind or are open to reaching a wider public, we can support you in organizing the logistics and connecting with the community. These sessions can range from intimate gatherings with 5-10 people to larger public events with 20-40 attendees, and they can take place on or off-site. Typically, these presentations are designed to last 1-3 hours.

### **2. Volunteer Opportunities:**

We encourage our residents to get involved with local organizations that offer volunteering opportunities. This allows you to actively contribute and become an integral part of how rural communities come together for success. Whether it's assisting at local farms during their volunteer days or engaging in other community service initiatives, these experiences provide a unique perspective and deepen your connection with the local environment.

### **3. Communication Opportunities:**

Consider taking over our social media accounts for a week, writing a blog post about your residency experience, or helping us create marketing materials. These communication-oriented activities allow you to share your insights, thoughts, and artistic process with a broader audience, extending the impact of your residency beyond the immediate community.

### **4. Lead a Youth Activity or Workshop:**

You have the opportunity to guide community members or students in grades K-12 through an immersive dive into your art or process. By leading an activity or workshop, you not only share your artistic expertise but also foster relationships and a sense of community. PMRCAA staff will provide support and resources for these activities, which can take place during either the two-week or four-week residency period. If you have a specific workshop in mind, please propose an activity plan, including duration and expected number of participants. Pre-approved materials needed for the workshop will be covered by PMRCAA.

### **5. Other Ideas:**

We are open to hearing your unique ideas for community engagement. However, please note that any additional activities must be pre-approved before implementation. We welcome innovative and creative approaches that contribute to the community and align with the goals of the residency program.



We are excited to facilitate your meaningful connection with the PMRCAA community during your residency. Together, we can create a vibrant and collaborative environment that benefits both the artist and the local community.

***NOTE: we are not able to accommodate all residents with teaching or workshop opportunities. If these activities are crucial to your time in residency, please indicate this in your application.***