

**Hear Me, See Me: Summer Exhibition & Artist Residency  
Gallery at Tempe Center for the Arts  
2023 APPLICANT INFORMATION SHEET**



Deadline: Feb. 12 | 11:59 p.m. | Free Application



**About the Exhibition:** The Gallery at TCA is seeking applications from Arizona-based artists to apply for the 2023 juried exhibition, *Hear Me, See Me* (on display May 6 – Sept. 9, 2023). This exhibition will explore how artists use visual art as a communication tool to speak their minds, share ideas and seek understanding. Additional topics may include self-expression, mental health, self-discovery, creativity, cultural identity and more. The theme is purposely left open-ended so that many different voices and perspectives about the the human experience may be seen and heard.

(Image: *Red Dreams* by Edgar Bahau Fernandez, TCA Artist-in-Residence Alumnae.)

\* Family programming, community connections and immersive arts experiences feature strongly in TCA summer exhibitions.

**Artist Residency Program:**

Exhibition applicants may also consider applying for an Artist Residency (not required). Three artists selected by a jury panel will participate in the 12-week residency program during the run of the exhibition. Selected artists will participate in community programs, professional development sessions, mentorships and share their art making practices with visitors. The residency is a 12-week program and selected artists are eligible for a stipend up to \$2,500 and a summer studio space inside the Gallery. (Image: Mary Meyer, TCA Artist-in-Residence Alumnae.)



## Residency Artist Responsibilities:

- 1) Display artworks at the Gallery at TCA studio space in conjunction with exhibition.
- 2) Create an installation of artworks at satellite exhibition of *Hear Me, See Me* at the Tempe Post Office, 500 S. Mill Ave. (May 13 - Sept. 27, 2023)
- 3) Activate assigned studio space with works in process, sketches, research, etc.
- 4) Work on-site at Gallery at TCA studio at least 8 hours a week for 12 weeks.
- 5) Speak with visitors and tour groups in the Gallery.
- 6) Participate in meetings and professional development opportunities.
- 7) Participate in three "Community Give Back" projects including:
  - a) TCA's Annual DRAW-A-THON event, June 24, 2023.
  - b) One program at the Edna Vihel Arts Center in Tempe.
  - c) One outreach program at the Gallery at TCA.
- 8) Participate in the End-of-Residency reception. Friday, Aug. 4, 5-7pm.
- 9) Regularly post photos, video, experiences, artworks and events on social media, web and through email. If you are new to social media our team will assist.



Outreach programs will vary for each artist depending on skills, interests, media and scheduling. Examples include art demonstrations, art workshops, lectures, hands-on educational display development.

(Image: Edgar Bahau Fernandez, TCA Artist-in-Residence Alumnae at Edna Vihel Arts Center.)

\*NEW: artists-in-residence will help create immersive arts experiences in the **TCA Maker Lab** for visitors of all ages to enjoy. This could include a make-and-take art projects, interactive artworks, DIY video tutorials, and/or virtual reality component.



## **Professional Development Opportunity for Artists-in-Residence:**

We work with each of the selected artists to create a unique residency experience. In addition to a customized studio space inside the Gallery, the TCA will connect each artist with other professionals, behind the scenes tours and organizations to enhance the residency experience.

Many of our Residency Alums report that connections and comradery formed with the other artists-in-residence continues well after the program. (Image above: Residency Alumnae Bobby Zokaites, Kyllan Maney and Monica Aissa Martinez in Gallery studios.)

During the residency, artists will be challenged to hone their skills and explore new ideas. The Gallery at TCA is looking for application proposals that show the strength and quality of the artist's prior work as well as their level of interest and desire to grow, learn and share.

Artists are expected to work with the exhibition theme during residency. The work created may be an extension of a current project, research for new artwork and/or a departure into new works. By the end of the residency, artists will be asked to share their plans, experiences, sketches and/or new artworks at a public end-of-residency reception.

**Application Process:** The application process is free. A jury panel will review applications and select artists for the exhibition and/or the artist-in-residence program. Selections will be announced in late February. Submissions may be sent directly to the Gallery at TCA's file share link at

[https://filetransfer.tempe.gov/filedrop/michelle\\_dock@tempe.gov](https://filetransfer.tempe.gov/filedrop/michelle_dock@tempe.gov)

**IMPORTANT:** Before submission, see Application Form and Application Requirements Sheet. Incomplete applications will not be processed for review.