

Artist in Residence Programme Introduction

Since 1996 Masterworks has been introducing Bermuda to a variety of different foreign artists and their diverse works. In the past, these artists have hailed from the UK, USA, Canada, Jamaica, France, Bulgaria, Spain and Siberia.

Every year the Artist in Residence Programme brings four separate artists to the island for three months to create works of art inspired by Bermuda's beauty. These artists are put up in a historic Bermuda National Trust apartment with a studio space, and are also supplied with a transport bus and ferry pass. Artworks are showcased in a local exhibition at the Masterworks Museum of Bermuda Art. One piece is donated to the Masterworks Collection via a mutual agreement between the Masterworks Foundation and the artist.

The Artist in Residence is requested to share their knowledge with the community as part of our art education programmes. Artists may serve as guest instructors for workshops, lectures and schools visits. Three to four events are typically scheduled.

The Masterworks Foundation welcomes artists to live in Bermuda for up to three months at a time. Masterworks provides accommodation and studio space in St. George's for the duration of their visit with a complimentary bus and ferry pass, cost of utilities, and local telephone calls. Artists are asked to abstain from driving motorized cycles and vehicles while in Bermuda. To enter Bermuda on a residency, Masterworks provides artists with a work permit as required by the Bermuda Government Department of Immigration. More detailed information about work permit rules and regulations are listed in the Artist in Residence Facts and Information document.

The scheduled residency period will be for no less than eight weeks and to not exceed twelve weeks. At the end of the residency, Masterworks provides artists with an exhibition gallery space in the Masterworks Museum of Bermuda Art, and corresponding show promotion including press release and invitation. Only artwork that is inspired by Bermuda will be shown in the Masterworks Museum of Bermuda Art. Our commission on sold artwork is 30%. At the exhibition reception, Masterworks provides the bar and barman.

Masterworks asks that artists cover the cost of their air fare to and from Bermuda and for any visits abroad. Other living expenses, framing, shipping costs, and art supplies are the responsibility of the artist during their residency. Visitors from abroad are welcome to stay with the artist during their Residency for up to twenty-one days as tourists. Extension permission from Bermuda Immigration is required for visits longer than twenty-one days.

More detailed information about these points and more can be found in the Artist in Residence Facts and Information document provided by the Special Projects Coordinator, as recommended reading for artists in the Artist in Residence program.