

cornerstone STUDIOS

APPLICATION & INFORMATION

MEMBERSHIP

Membership at Cornerstone Studios (“CS”) is available to artists through an application and selection process, detailed below. Members receive a shared or private studio. This application is for shared studio C-2, available November 15, 2020.

LOCATION

Cornerstone Studios are located at Our Saviour’s Atonement Lutheran Church (“OSA”), 178 Bennett Ave, 3rd Floor, New York, NY 10040. Cornerstone Studios Limited is a New York State 501(c)3. Please contact Executive Director Jeff Hoppa at info@cornerstonestudios.nyc for more information.

DESCRIPTION & COST

Access to studios is 24 hours a day, 7 days a week. All studios have windows with either eastern or western exposures (view from Studio E is partially obstructed). CS has shared restroom facilities, a shared kitchen, and common (hallway/exhibition space) areas. CS member artists can access the internet through CS WiFi. Normal usage of heat, air-conditioning, electricity and common areas are included in the monthly membership dues. Membership fees vary according to the size and shape of the studio assigned to the artist and whether the artist is occupying the studio alone or sharing. A one-month security deposit is required. Membership fees include a small surcharge, which is added to the CS Reserve Fund. These funds accumulate over time and are used to pay for open studios events, make repairs to the facility, promote CS through social media, maintain a web site, etc. CS has no passenger or freight elevators and is not ADA accessible. CS member artists are responsible to insure the contents of their studios (this is optional). Please see CS Rules of Membership for more information.

ELIGIBILITY

The program is designed for Washington Heights and Inwood-area artists with a developed studio practice and career; artists from other areas are welcome to apply. Visual artists working in all forms of media are eligible to apply. Applications are judged primarily on the quality of work as presented. Applicants cannot be enrolled in a college or university degree-granting program. Certain types of work cannot be accommodated for practical reasons, including large or heavy sculptures, some types of metal work, and work involving high noise levels or fire risk. Artists must be willing to make a one-year commitment (which may be extended by mutual agreement between CS and the Member Artist), participate in 2 annual open studios events, assist with normal cleaning/trash removal, and put down a one-month security deposit. CS does not discriminate against anyone on the basis of race, creed, color, religion, national origin, sex, age, sexual orientation or marital status. Artists must be citizens of the United States, or must be legal U.S residents during their tenure.

October 2, 2020

IMPORTANT DATES

- **October 30** – Application Deadline
- **November 6** – Decision Announced
- **November 12** – Security Deposit & First Month Dues
- **November 14** – New Member Artists Move-In

DEADLINES & NOTIFICATIONS

All applications must be submitted by email by or before midnight on **Friday, October 30, 2020**. All applicants will be notified by email by midnight on **Friday, November 6, 2020**, of the outcome of their application.

APPLICATION PROCESS

CS Director Jeff Hoppa will review and process applications as part of a committee comprised of CS Board Members and at least two (2) CS Member Artists. The OSA council will be kept fully apprised at all times of changes in the membership roster.

STUDIO TOURS

Unfortunately, because of COVID-19, studio tours are by appointment only, with appropriate PPE and temperature checks. Virtual tours are available.

MATERIALS

Applicants for membership are asked to submit the following application materials:

- **CS Application** (attached)
- **Recent Work Samples:** 5 images or 3 minutes of video (no originals)
- **Image List:** To match Work Samples, detailing media, size, date, etc.
- **Current Resume** (CV)
- **Artist's Statement:** A brief explanation of your work, one page or less
- **ID:** Copy of Driver's License or IDNYC card.
- **Background Check:** Permission slip attached
- **Two (2) References with Email and Phone Numbers:** One reference to demonstrate financial responsibility (e.g. a landlord, employer) and one to demonstrate commitment to a professional art career.
- **Additional Information about Studio Needs/Preferences:** CS will make every effort to accommodate individual preferences to ensure that your studio is the best space for your specific practice. If, for example, if you are sharing a space, and work most often during the day, CS will try to match you with an artist who works mostly at night.

ACCEPTED APPLICANTS

Accepted applicants should complete required paperwork, to be sent with notice of acceptance, and provide first month's dues/one-month security deposit by **Thursday, November 12, 2020**. Keys will be distributed and new Member Artists may move in on **Saturday, November 14, 2020**, between the hours of 9-5pm.

NAME	
ADDRESS	
PHONE	
EMAIL	
WEBSITE	
MEDIA USED	
STUDIO PREFERENCE (LIST 1 ST , 2 ND & 3 RD CHOICES)	FIRST: SECOND: THIRD:
REFERENCE #1 (PROFESSIONAL)	NAME: PHONE: EMAIL: RELATIONSHIP:
REFERENCE #2 (PERSONAL)	NAME: PHONE: EMAIL: RELATIONSHIP:

WILLING TO SHARE?	YES <input type="checkbox"/> / NO <input type="checkbox"/>
NEED PRIVATE SPACE?	YES <input type="checkbox"/> / NO <input type="checkbox"/>
WORK MOSTLY (CHECK ALL THAT APPLY)?	DAYS <input type="checkbox"/> / NIGHTS <input type="checkbox"/> / WEEKENDS <input type="checkbox"/>
WILLING TO MAKE 1-YEAR COMMITMENT?	YES <input type="checkbox"/> / NO <input type="checkbox"/>
WILLING TO PARTICIPATE IN OPEN STUDIOS EVENTS?	YES <input type="checkbox"/> / NO <input type="checkbox"/>
SPECIAL NEEDS/PREFERENCES/REQUESTS	
CHECKLIST (PLEASE ATTACH ALL LISTED):	
1. APPLICATION	<input type="checkbox"/>
2. 5 IMAGES	<input type="checkbox"/>
3. IMAGE LIST	<input type="checkbox"/>
4. ARTIST'S STATEMENT	<input type="checkbox"/>
5. TWO (2) REFERENCES	<input type="checkbox"/>
6. COPY OF ID	<input type="checkbox"/>
7. BACKGROUND CHECK WAIVER	<input type="checkbox"/>

Note: Attach additional sheets if necessary.