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Mudflat Clay Artist Residency: 2017-2018

Mudflat Studio is a nonprofit organization offering clay classes and workshops for adults, children and teens as well as studio spaces for ceramic artists. Since 1971, Mudflat has followed its mission to promote and expand awareness and interest in the ceramic arts. Together, the school and studio form a dynamic community centered on a single medium and a shared creative process. Mudflat is located in Somerville, Massachusetts, 15 minutes north of downtown Boston and easily accessible by public transportation.

In 1996, Mudflat began offering a one year residency position to clay artists to enhance our studio environment and promote the work of ceramic artists. This highly competitive program provides a private studio space at Mudflat for one year at no cost with access to Mudflat's facility and equipment. Residents have opportunities to teach in our school and to sell their work at Mudflat Gallery and at two Open Studio events.

Residency dates: September 1 - August 31

Residency includes:

- Private 90 sq. foot studio space
- 24 hour access
- A monthly stipend of \$50, to be applied to clay materials and firing costs.
- Opportunities to teach in our educational programs and for retail sales at our Open Studio events and at Mudflat Gallery
- Solo exhibition and reception at Mudflat in August to showcase work created during the residency year

Residency requirements:

- Artists are expected to spend a minimum of 20 hours per week in their studio
- Artists are required to work 5 hours per week for Mudflat, assisting with technical jobs
- Artists are required to give 2 public presentations during the residency. The first, in September, is a slide show of the artist's work.
- Applicants should have knowledge of a variety of clay techniques and some kiln firing experience, the ability to work independently, and enthusiasm and willingness to be part of an urban clay community.

To Apply: Complete applications must be postmarked by April 16, 2017. Applicants will be notified by May 15, 2017.

Mudflat Facility

In 2011 Mudflat moved to a newly renovated 16,000 sq. ft. facility which includes 4 classrooms: 2 for wheelthrowing with a total of 34 electric pottery wheels, one for handbuilding with canvas tables, a slabroller and 2 extruders, and a multipurpose room for lectures, workshops, and community events. Equipment includes three Bailey gas-fired car kilns, 4 electric kilns, two glaze rooms, a spray booth and plaster mold area, and a fully ventilated glaze mix room. There are individual and shared studio spaces for 38 clay artists. Students can select from four different clay bodies and over 60 slips and glazes for both high and low temperature firing methods. The Resident Artist uses their private studio space but can also have access to classrooms and common areas when not in use.

Mudflat Classes

Mudflat offers an exceptional range and level of courses in wheelthrowing, handbuilding, sculpture and technical topics, with three semesters each year. Introductory courses are available every semester, along with a variety of special classes and workshops by resident and visiting faculty and guest artists. Our faculty has a broad range of practical experience as well as formal training and education from ceramic arts programs at major universities.

Mudflat adult classes meet once per week for 14 weeks. Tuition includes clay with glazes and firings, as well as practice time during Open Lab hours weekdays, evenings, and weekends. Additional clay and tools can be purchased at Mudflat. All of our previous Resident Artists have taught classes and workshops at Mudflat both during and after their residencies. All faculty are paid competitive salaries.

Mudflat Gallery

Our year-round showcase of claywork by 47 Mudflat artists, faculty and students is located at the Porter Square Shopping Center, Cambridge. Open 7 days each week, we have a fulltime staff that works at the Gallery. Resident Artists are eligible to sell their work at Mudflat Gallery on consignment.

Mudflat Resident Artists:

2016-2017 Martin McDermott

2015-2016 Mike Roche

2014-2015 Rachel Eng

2013-2014 Kyla Toomey

2012-2013 Dan Molyneux

2011-2012 Holly Curcio

2010-2011 Lisa Graf

2009-2010 Debra Fleury

2008-2009 Deborah Schwartzkopf

2007-2008 Cathy Lu

2006-2007 Nicole Peters

2005-2006 Ryan Takaba

2004-2005 Angela Cunningham

2003-2004 Monica Ripley

2002-2003 Gabriel Penfield

2001-2002 Meghan Sullivan

2000-2001 Ruchika Madan

1999-2000 Karsten Kunert

1998-1999 Randy Fein

1996-1997 David Orser