

## **2023 Iron Studio Residency Program Details and Expectations**

The Eureka Springs School of the arts is looking for an emerging or practicing metals artist who is seeking focused time to refine their skills, create work and/or explore new avenues within their medium. Qualifying artists are those who practice blacksmithing, welding, metal fabrication or a combination thereof.

This is an opportunity to be inspired by the incredible natural beauty and unique culture of the Ozark Mountains. ESSA is within 5 miles of the renowned artist community of Eureka Springs, and within an hour drive of the major cultural institutions of Northwest Arkansas, such as Crystal Bridges, The Momentary, the Walton Arts Center, etc.

### **Residency Details**

- Residency will span approximately 2.5 weeks between September 13, 2023, and October 1, 2023.
- Applications are due by June 1, 2023, and notifications will be made by June 16, 2023.
- At least one and up to two participants will be selected. (ESSA is also issuing an additional request for applications for a Small Metals residency which will occur elsewhere on campus during the same time period, which may provide an opportunity for interaction and exchange of ideas with another artist in residence.)
- Resident will have 24-hour access to the ESSA iron shop and access to all tools and equipment in the iron studio (see Iron Studio Details for a general listing of tools and equipment available). Some specialty/high risk equipment will not be permitted for use without a studio coordinator present.
- ESSA will provide on-campus lodging with a private room and bath, kitchenette with microwave, refrigerator/freezer, coffee maker and wi-fi. Resident will also have shared access to the Commons House, which includes a full kitchen, gathering area and deck.
- Resident will receive a \$250 cash honorarium.
- ESSA will host a closing reception on Saturday, September 30<sup>th</sup>, on the ESSA campus for the resident artist to exhibit their work. The selected resident may offer work for sale if they wish to do so and may bring prior work with them to the residency if they wish to include it in the sale. The resident must notify ESSA during the application process if they wish to offer their work for sale at the closing reception. If the resident wishes to offer their work for sale, ESSA will run the sale and retain 10% to fund future residencies.
- Not provided: ESSA will not provide any reimbursement for travel, meals, or any other expenses. ESSA may provide some limited local transportation based upon availability of staff and with advance notice.

### **The artist selected for this residency will be expected to:**

- Be a part of the ESSA campus during their stay by engaging with staff, visiting instructors, students and other visitors to campus.
- Donate at least one piece of work for ESSA to use for fundraising purposes.
- Commit to safety orientation and training on specifics of ESSA iron studio with the ESSA studio coordinator(s) before being given full access to the studio.
- During closing reception, provide a brief (15 minutes or less) demonstration of a technique.