



# Sheldon Jackson Museum

## 2019 Native Artist Residency Program



### Expectations of Artists

The purpose of the artist residency program is to enable artists to create their art and engage with museum visitors and the community of Sitka. This is done as artists work on their artwork at a table set up in the museum gallery and through talks or presentations or hands-on classes given to the community in the museum gallery (or other locations if arranged with us in advance). While artists are not required to focus on one single large project or complete a big project during their residency, we welcome artists who wish to work on one project and complete it during their time in Sitka.

All artists must sign two separate contracts –one with the museum/ Friends of Sheldon Jackson Museum and one with Sitka Fine Arts Camp. The museum is responsible for its contract with the artist; the Camp is solely responsible for its contract with the artists.

### Artists' Schedule

**May 15<sup>th</sup>-June 5<sup>th</sup>** in residence only at the museum. This residency *will potentially include working with youth under 18 in the museum* for up to a week's time during the 22-day residency. Work with youth could involve teaching and leading a hands-on craft project at the museum for a portion of the day. This residency includes a \$2200 Artist Award, travel, lodging, food per diem and involves working approximately 60 hours at the museum.

**June 7<sup>th</sup>-June 29<sup>th</sup>** with Sitka Fine Arts Camp – involves museum residence & teaching middle school students. This residency includes a \$2200 Artist Award, travel, lodging, food and/or a food per diem and involves working approximately 85 hours, including around 55 at the museum and around 30 at the Camp.

**June 29<sup>th</sup>-July 20<sup>th</sup>** in collaboration with Sitka Fine Arts Camp – involves museum residence & teaching high school students. This residency includes a \$2200 Artist Award, travel, lodging, food and/or a food per diem and involves working approximately 85 hours, including around 55 at the museum and around 30 at the Camp.

**Aug. 22<sup>nd</sup>-Sept. 12<sup>th</sup>** in residence only at the museum. This residency includes a \$2200 Artist Award, travel, lodging, food per diem and involves working approximately 60 hours at the museum.

**Sept. 14-Oct. 5<sup>th</sup>** in residence only at the museum. This residency includes a \$2200 Artist Award, travel, lodging, food per diem and involves working approximately 60 hours at the museum

**All artists have 4 hours pre-scheduled paid Research Time in museum office and/or in collections storage**

**All artists have scheduled days off. Detailed schedules will be provided to artists closer to May 2018**

### **Artists' Work Space and Hours/ Days Artists Can Access the Work Space**

Artists working at the museum will work in a very public setting – either in the gallery or in a lobby area. The spaces are not enclosed. The museum will work with the artist to ensure a comfortable set up with good lighting, tables, power tools, if applicable, etc. The museum work space is only accessible during museum operating hours – the museum operating hours are Tuesday through Saturday 8:30am-5pm. The work space will not be accessible during non-operating hours. Artist' days off from the museum are typically Sunday and Monday.

### **Artists' Research Time**

Scheduled generally from 9-10am or at another time if arranged with curator. The 9-10am blocks of time are not listed on the publicly printed program calendar to allow for uninterrupted time in museum storage, the gallery, or museum offices. This is also a good time to prepare for any proposed classes or museum talks.

### **Artist's Welcome Dinner**

Every artist is invited to attend dinner with the Artist Residency Welcome Committee. The dinner will take place at either the curator's home or at a restaurant in downtown Sitka. This gives the artist a chance to get to know community members in Sitka and museum staff and Friends of Sheldon Jackson Museum Board members. See schedule for scheduled dinner date and time.

### **Artists-in-Residence Salary**

Artists in the longer residencies are provided with an artist award of \$1,900 and are provided with travel to and from Sitka, lodging, and food. (If in the residency co-hosted by Sitka Fine Arts Camp, this reflects pay from both the Friends of the Sheldon Jackson Museum and the Sitka Fine Arts Camp.) The Camp will issue artists a check for the hours worked at the Camp and the museum issues checks only for the hours worked at the museum.

Artists in the shorter residencies are provided with an artist award of \$1300 and are provided with travel to and from Sitka, lodging, and food.

Payment dates are listed on the calendar distributed to artists in May. Generally, the museum gives artists half of their stipend at the beginning of their residency and the second half at the end. Please note that your bank may not be in Sitka and plan to possibly have to deposit your check via post or mobile deposit using a smartphone if you have one. Please note that if you are co-hosted with the Camp, the Camp oversees your payment for your time working there and determines the payment schedule for their own payments.

### **Travel**

Travel will be paid for by the Friends of the Sheldon Jackson Museum. If artist has option of travelling by ferry or airplane, the museum will pay for whichever option is less costly. If travelling with a car on the ferry, the artist must pay for the transport of the car to and from Sitka. If an artist chooses to extend their stay in Sitka, they must make their own arrangements and pay any associated fees. If an artist misses a flight or ferry ride, he or she will be responsible for associated fees.

### **Pick-up and Drop-Off at Ferry Terminal or Airport**

A representative of Friends of Sheldon Jackson Museum or museum staff will pick up the artist from the ferry terminal or airport. In some rare cases, artists may need take a taxi - in this instance, the artist will need to keep the receipt, provide it to the museum, and then be reimbursed by the museum. Arrangements will be made in advance of arrival.

### **Food**

Artists who do not reside in Sitka and who are not working with Sitka Fine Arts Camp students are provided with a \$50 a day stipend for food. Artists working with Sitka Fine Arts Camp are provided with food by the Camp the majority of their stay. For non-camp days, artists working with the Camp will be issued a food per diem by the museum.

### **Lodging and Facilities and Internet Access**

Artists selected for the Residency Program who do not reside in Sitka are housed on the Sheldon Jackson Campus. Artists are shown their room by a Sheldon Jackson Campus staffer upon their arrival and provided with a key. Artists are provided with their own room and should bring in addition to their own clothing and toiletries, a towel. Other linens provided. The rooms artists stay in are not equipped for cooking one's own food but there is a fridge and the museum can loan a coffee pot if desired. Artist are, however, in walking distance of many dining options in the downtown area.

Rooms do not have internet access, though there is internet available at the public library next to the museum, in some downtown areas via free City of Sitka WiFi, at the Highliner Coffee, McDonalds, and limited internet at the museum.

If concerns arise related to lodging outside of 8am-5:00pm hours, please contact Sitka Fine Arts Camp: (530) 219-2902. There are washers and dryers on site on campus but no change machine or laundry detergent dispensers.

### **Artist's Talk or Hands-on Class**

Artists who propose a lecture/talk or hands-on class in their application are given preference as applicants. Artists are strongly encouraged to propose a talk on a topic of their choice or a biographical talk on themselves or their artwork OR alternatively, a hands-on class on an art form. This is arranged with the curator in advance and if a PowerPoint is being given, and it must be provided to the curator prior to arrival to Sitka. If an artist wants to propose a different activity such as a dance or drumming session or performance, or reading, or any other creative suggestion, we welcome your ideas. Talks and classes happen in the museum gallery.

### **Artists' Final Talk/Presentation on Accomplishments During Residency**

Each Full Residency artist provides an informal Final Talk outlining their work during the course of their residency. The Final Talks are scheduled in advance of the start of the residency program. Talks take place in the museum gallery and happen near the end of residencies. We have a PowerPoint set up if desired – let us know. Artists' Final Talks can be informal and are a way to share your accomplishments with local Sitkans and museum staff.

### **Sale of Artwork**

Artists in residence are not allowed to sell their artwork directly to museum visitors in the gallery or on museum grounds. The museum does, however, encourage artists to have business cards, contact information, binders or portfolios showing examples of art, etc. with them while they are working at the museum to show visitors.

### **What if I Need Something? What if I am late? Lost? Miss my flight/ferry? Unhappy about Something? What is the best place to eat in town? What restaurant should I order delivery from? What if.....?**

Our goal is to make you welcome and comfortable. The Friends of Sheldon Jackson Museum and museum staff are here to help you. If you need anything or have any issues, please alert us by talking to staff in person. You may call the museum directly at (907) 747-8981 or for emergencies, museum curator, Jackie Hamberg at (781) 738-7510. If the issue is related to the dining hall or lodging (loss of a key or unable to find a building on campus, etc.), staff at Sitka Fine Arts Camp can

be reached at: (530) 219-2902. If you are running late to work or are going to be out sick, please call the museum directly to let staff know (907) 747-8981.

# SITKA ALASKA

Downtown Walking Tour



- 18 Bus Stops
- 17 Princess Maksoutoff's Grave - Lutheran Cemetery
- 16 Russian Block House
- 15 Shee'tka Kwaan Naá Kahidi Community House
- 14 ANB Hall
- 13 Totem Square
- 12 Sitka Pioneer's Home
- 11 Castle Hill
- 10 Building 29
- 9 Sitka Lutheran Church
- 8 St. Michael's Cathedral Geodetic Survey House (the White House)
- 7 Isabel Miller Museum
- 6 Harrigan Centennial Hall, Visitor's Center
- 5 Russian Bishop's House/Museum
- 4 St. Peter's by the Sea Episcopal Church (Sheldon Jackson Museum) (Alaska State Museum)
- 3 Sitka National Historical Park Visitor's Center and Totem trail
- 2 Alaska Raptor Center
- 1 Sitka High School
- 1 Sitka Community Hospital
- 1 Blatchley Jr. High
- 1 Mt. Edgcumbe High School
- 1 University of Alaska Southeast
- 1 SEARHC Hospital
- 1 USFS Ranger District Office
- 1 Baranof Elementary School
- 1 Sheldon Jackson College
- 1 Public Safety Academy
- 1 Grocery Store

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