

# BWVG Artist in Residence Information Guide



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## **BWG ARTIST IN RESIDENCE PROGRAM**

### **Purpose**

The BWG Artist in Residence Program will provide one professional artist or one collective of artists with the opportunity to develop new work that will animate the BWG Library and Cultural Centre while building access and interaction between the arts and members of our community. The BWG Artist in Residence program is made possible through a donation of the Bradford United Church and the Bradford Arts Centre upon their closing in June 2023.

### **Program Goals**

The BWG Artist in Residence Program seeks to:

- Grow access, interaction, and engagement with the arts for members of our community;
- Grow arts infrastructure in Bradford West Gwillimbury by supporting emerging and established artists;
- Support the creation of art pieces, programs, or events that inspire learning, dialogue, and cultural enrichment.

### **Eligibility**

The Artist in Residence program is open to emerging, mid-career and established artists working in, but not limited to, the following disciplines: Visual and Media Arts (including Film/Video), Performing Arts, Multidisciplinary, Craft.

The artist must be a Canadian citizen, permanent resident of Canada, or person with whom refugee status has been conferred, and must be 18 years of age or older. The artist does not have to live in Bradford West Gwillimbury to be considered.

### **Role of the Artist**

The artist will:

- Create an accessible and engaging artistic project that animates the BWG Library and Cultural Centre;
- Deliver a tangible outcome, such as an exhibition, installation, performance or other creative experience;
- Commit to engaging community members through the project;
- Work with BWG Library staff to develop a residency plan;
- Deliver the project on time and within budget;





- If applicable, prepare, transport, install and support de-install of artwork.

### **The Role of the Library and Cultural Centre:**

The BWG Library and Cultural Centre will:

- Provide relevant space (for work, practice, rehearsal, display, exhibition or performance) within the context of appropriate space available\*
- Work with artist to develop residency plan;
- Provide a maximum budget of \$3,000 for the program which can include artist fees, as well as materials/expenses;
- Support Artist and Artist in Residence Program in an administrative capacity (facilitating agreements, budget, promotions, documentation).

\*Spaces available can include meeting/study room, Programming Rooms, Café, Wall Space, Display Case, Outdoor Library Lawn

### **Sample Projects**

The following are sample projects. These are provided only as examples, and do not reflect the entire scope of what is eligible:

- a) An interactive quilting project in the Library Café that encourages community members to participate in the creation of a large quilt to be displayed;
- b) A series of Bhangra dance workshops with adults that culminates in a free performance on the Library Lawn;
- c) The creation of a series of paintings exploring climate change, paired with painting workshops for teenagers exploring climate change through their lens;
- d) A series of storytelling workshops that collect oral histories from local seniors, and culminates in a play reading of these stories.

If you are unsure whether your project is eligible, please contact David di Giovanni at [culture@bradford.library.on.ca](mailto:culture@bradford.library.on.ca) or call 905-775-3328 x 6123 to discuss.

### **Selection Criteria**

Applications will be assessed based on the following:

1. Alignment with Program Goals;
2. The strength of the community engagement opportunity during creation or production process;
3. The artist or project's connection to Bradford West Gwillimbury and/or surrounding communities;

### **Selection Process**





Applications will be reviewed by a selection committee

### Timelines

1. Applications are due April 15 2024. **Deadline Extended to April 28th 2024**
2. Applications will be reviewed and if necessary, interviews will be conducted between May and June of 2024.
3. The residency period will occur between September and December 2024. The exact beginning and end date of the residency period will be identified by the artist in their submission, and will be confirmed following acceptance of submission.

### Insurance

Artists may be required to provide proof of General Liability Insurance if selected. If required, the Artist may also purchase insurance through the Town of Bradford West Gwillimbury.

### Application Requirements

#### a) Online Application

Applicants are welcome to fill out an online application here. Please note the online application form does not allow the inclusion of external attachments. Any additional attachments you'd like to share (photos, etc) can be emailed to [culture@bradford.library.on.ca](mailto:culture@bradford.library.on.ca).

Deadline for submission is April 15 2024. **Deadline Extended to April 28th 2024**  
Applications can be submitted online at <https://forms.office.com/r/j44Gcgyrkd>

#### b) Hard Copy Application

Applicants are welcome to fill out a hard-copy application which should include:

1. Application form (attached in Appendix A)
2. Project proposal that includes:
  - a) Proposed project and outcomes
  - b) Proposed community engagement component
  - c) Timeline
  - d) Budget
  - e) Space requirements
  - f) Any additional technical, logistical, or infrastructure considerations
  - g) Brief summary of relevant past experience





h) If applicable, your connection to BWG and/or surrounding communities.  
Consider the question: why is it relevant for your proposed project to happen in Bradford West Gwillimbury?

3. Artist Resume

4. Work samples through photos or by providing links to websites or social media

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Application packages can be dropped off or mailed to:

BWG Artist in Residence Program

David di Giovanni

Manager of Cultural Services

Bradford West Gwillimbury Public Library and Cultural Centre

425 Holland Street West,

Bradford ON L3Z0J2

For more information, contact David di Giovanni, Manager of Cultural Services at [culture@bradford.library.on.ca](mailto:culture@bradford.library.on.ca) or call 905-775-3328 x6123





## Appendix A: Application Form for BWG Artist in Residence Program

\*Please note the application form only needs to be completed by applicants who are submitting hard-copy applications. Applicants submitting through the online form do not need to submit this form.

Full Name	_____
Phone Number	_____
Email Address	_____
Mailing Address	_____
Artistic Discipline (select all that apply)	<input type="checkbox"/> Visual Arts <input type="checkbox"/> Media Arts <input type="checkbox"/> Performing Arts <input type="checkbox"/> Craft <input type="checkbox"/> Multidisciplinary <input type="checkbox"/> Other: _____
Eligibility Criteria (Select all that apply)	<input type="checkbox"/> I am 18 years of age or older <input type="checkbox"/> I am a Canadian citizen <input type="checkbox"/> I am a permanent resident <input type="checkbox"/> I am a person with whom refugee status has been conferred <input type="checkbox"/> Other: _____

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Name (Printed)

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Signature

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Date

