

Pound Arts

POUND ARTS Artists' Studios

Resident Artist guide and application pack

Connecting People Through Creativity



Introduction.

The Pound Arts Trust Limited delivers live performances, films, participatory arts events and exhibitions year-round at The Pound arts centre and other venues across Wiltshire and South Gloucestershire every year. Pound Arts works in partnership with other arts organisations, schools and youth development agencies, local authorities, community groups, volunteers and funding bodies to deliver a comprehensive annual arts programme across the county, in particular within rural areas.

The three strands within Pound Arts are The Pound arts centre, Festivals and Rural Touring.

Pound Arts is an Arts Council England National Portfolio Organisation and is also funded by Wiltshire Council and Corsham Town Council. We attract approx. 120,000 visitors per year and approx. 45,000 engagements in participatory activity.



Above

Works by current Resident Artists; Caroline Green, Rachel Heard and Clare Winnan (Left to right).

Background

Pound Arts is proud to play a role in supporting industry professionals to either develop new work, or to develop their business. We do this in various ways depending on the artist/company. We host approx. 18 residencies per year on different scales and have 3 permanent artist studios which are intended to support emerging artists.

“The biggest benefit of working in a professional studio at The Pound has to be my increased confidence. The confidence to chase work I thought previously to be out of reach, and to deal with clients in a more professional manner. The confidence to teach, develop my students and deliver demonstrations has all come from the workshops I have taught at The Pound. I have also much greater confidence in dealing with the public now, as my studio is always open to the visitors, and I have taken part in two very successful Open Studio events in my time at the studio, which has encouraged me to engage directly with my buyers”

Chris Dunn, former resident artist.

THE STUDIOS

The studios are contained within a separate single story block in the grounds of the arts centre. They were created in 2012 and finished to a high standard with Belfast sinks, storage, and underfloor heating. The block also houses our community workshop space.

Electricity, heating and water are included within the monthly rent. Pound Arts offers studio space on a fixed term basis up to a maximum of three years, which is renewable annually.

THE OFFER

Pounds Arts will –

- Support the resident artist by providing professional development opportunities and mentoring
- Offer an exhibition to the artist at the end of their residency
- Include the resident artist in our marketing material - eg season brochure and website
- Resident artists are entitled to -
 - Discount in our café
 - Use of credit card facilities at 5% commission

The resident artist will –

- Be present in their studio at least three days per week during the Centre's normal opening times
- Take an active part in the Centre by –
 - assisting with or leading a minimum of one workshop or training event per year
 - opening their studios at special events and festival times
 - sharing their progress with the staff and the board of trustees

We are happy to develop a flexible approach to these commitments, the main aim being to encourage an innovative, proactive and critically engaged culture within the studios.

RENT

Studio costs are based on an inclusive square foot basis which is paid by monthly standing order. The studio currently available is –

STUDIO 1 – 176 sq ft including storage - year 1 monthly rent - £130

NOT CURRENTLY AVAILABLE

STUDIO 2 - 99 sq. ft. including storage – year 1 monthly rent - £85

NOT CURRENTLY AVAILABLE

STUDIO 3 - 147 sq. ft no storage – year 1 monthly rent - £95

AVAILABLE FROM JANUARY 2022

The rents are subsidised at the beginning of the three year period and will rise by 5% of the starting price in year two and by 10% in year three.

A deposit of one months' rent will be required in advance which is returnable subject to the conditions of the lease being fulfilled.

STUDIOS LETTING CRITERIA AND PROCESS

Our lettings policy is guided by three sets of objectives -

1. Pound Arts' mission statement and charity objectives

2. The visual arts programme objectives

Our aim is to offer a programme of contemporary craft and visual arts exhibitions, events, workshops and learning opportunities which inspire, excite and reward the broadest possible audience.

Pound Arts is developing a balanced visual arts programme whose objectives include:

- Exhibitions and associated events which connect to the delivery of the wider Pound Arts programme of festivals, rural touring and other artforms
- Representing the diversity of our communities
- Invited exhibitions and projects which develop a high-quality contemporary craft and visual arts programme
- Invited exhibitions and submissions from emerging makers and artists
- Offering an opportunity for regional artists to develop new work for exhibition
- A programme of workshops and learning opportunities
- Hosting and commissioning projects with particular partners to enhance the visual arts offer of The Pound and to develop new audiences
- Opportunities for artists and makers to sell their work
- Considering opportunities for quality engagement and audience development in everything we do

3. Pound Arts letting aims

Pound Arts aims to operate an open and accessible decision-making process which will be based on the following criteria:

- To encourage studio artists to contribute to The Pound's artistic and educational programme both within the building and beyond
- To provide 'incubator' studio spaces for emerging artists
- To create a stimulating, creative, flexible working and retail environment that will challenge, develop and inform studio artists practice

- To increase the support to studio artists' practice through offering opportunities for critical debate, mentoring and training
- To develop a working environment that is outward looking and well networked with other regional arts organisations
- To encourage collaboration and experimentation
- To develop studio related activities that will engage and challenge new audiences.

APPLICATION PROCEDURE

To apply for studio a residency studio please send:

- A completed application form
- Your current CV
- Up to 10 images of your work (500kB – 1MB) and/or a link to your website

Deadline for applications – Midday Friday 3rd December 2021

Please email applications to – admin@poundarts.org.uk

Or post to -

Jon Mansfield

The Pound Arts Trust Ltd, Pound Pill, Corsham, Wiltshire SN13 9HX

Interviews week commencing Monday 6th December 2021

Shortlisted artists will be invited for to interview and to give a short presentation of their work and practice.

