



Call For Writers Artist Residency at the Annenberg Community Beach House



REVISED Application Deadline: Thursday, September 15, 2016, received by 5:00pm

Introduction

The City of Santa Monica, Cultural Affairs Division, seeks proposals from writers living in Los Angeles County for the Writer Residency Program at the Annenberg Community Beach House. The Writer Residency Program offers writers a private office at the Beach House for nine weeks to complete a work-in-progress.

Residency Description

In celebration of Marion Davies' support of artists, and to further the work of artists in all disciplines, the Division has established a residency program that rotates between the disciplines of writing and performance at the Beach House. The Writer Residency **begins Tuesday, January 10, 2017 and concludes Tuesday, March 14, 2017** for a total of nine weeks. This residency offers an oceanfront office on the upper floor of the restored Guest House of the former Marion Davies estate. The office is generally available every day from 8:30am-10pm.

The City seeks to provide opportunities to writers who need a place to write and are interested in sharing aspects of their work for the public's benefit. This program is best suited to writers who will be able to use the residency period to either finish or make significant progress on a particular work. The resident will hold weekly office hours (11am-2pm on either Friday, Saturday, Sunday or Monday), write weekly posts on the [Residency blog](#), and present public programs such as monthly readings, workshops or conversations. If the applicant wishes to suggest other public activities in lieu of those mentioned, proposals are welcome. Please note that Residency events are presented for an adult rather than a youth audience.

As an acknowledgement of the public benefit of the resident to the community, an honorarium of \$1,500 is offered.

Residencies at the Beach House offer work space but not living space. The City provides a lockable office with desk and chair, wireless internet access, refrigerator/microwave access, and a parking pass for the duration of the residency. No other resources, including computer, printer, phone, or other equipment will be provided.

Eligibility

This residency is open to all writers of **fiction, poetry, plays, and screenplays**, with works in progress, who reside in Los Angeles County. Projects in biography/memoir,

essay and nonfiction are not eligible. Also not eligible: artists who have received a Beach House Residency in the past two years, or are currently arts grantees or resident artists through another City of Santa Monica program, or are currently employed by the City of Santa Monica. The residency will be awarded to one writer. Writing teams will not be considered. If chosen, the resident must sign a [contract](#) with the City of Santa Monica and furnish proof of a [Santa Monica Business License](#).

Selection Process

Applications will be reviewed by a jury of writers and educators. The panel will take the quality of work and the ability of the applicant to carry out public interactions into consideration when making a recommendation.

A complete application will include a writing sample, two letters of recommendation, an application letter, and the applicant's publishing history, if any. Lack of a publishing history will not disqualify a writer from being selected.

The City of Santa Monica may request additional information from, or schedule initial interviews with, selected applicants. The City also reserves the right to refrain from selecting an artist for this project and recall and/or cancel the Call for Artists at any time at its sole discretion.

Notification of the selected writer will take place in early November.

Annenberg Community Beach House

The Southern California beach occupies a unique place within the physical and cultural landscape of America and the Annenberg Community Beach House at Santa Monica State Beach has become a popular destination for those seeking a quintessential "day at the beach." Consisting of several structures at the historic site of the Marion Davies estate, the Beach House includes the historic Guest House and Pool, and the new Event House, Pool facility, and outdoor areas.

The site at 415 Pacific Coast Highway has seen an evolution from private ownership to public management. Interpretive and cultural projects at the Beach House offer a continuum connecting the past, present and future. For information and images of the site, please visit <http://annenbergbeachhouse.com>.

The Annenberg Community Beach House is made possible through a generous gift from the Annenberg Foundation at the recommendation of collector and philanthropist Wallis Annenberg, and in partnership with California State Parks and the City of Santa Monica.

Application Submission Requirements

Please submit the following:

1. In PDF format: a letter which details your interest in the Writer's Residency and what you expect to achieve, including proposals for monthly events (lectures, readings, interviews, conversations, workshops, or other events), your choice of day for public office hours, and publishing history, titled Lastname Firstname Proposal.pdf
2. In PDF format: For fiction, ten sample pages of writing. For poetry, up to five poems will be accepted; for screenplays and plays, twenty formatted pages will be accepted. If a mixture of genres, the total page count cannot exceed ten pages. Title Lastname Firstname Sample.pdf
3. In PDF format: A professional resume/CV/biography which includes your residential address, titled Lastname Firstname Resume.pdf
4. Two (2) letters of reference, emailed as a PDF directly from the recommender. Reference letters must arrive by the due date listed below. Please ask recommenders to title their emails "Recommendation for Firstname_Lastname". Please remind them that letters must be received by the deadline. If applying again, reusing recommendations is permitted.

APPLICATION MATERIALS CANNOT BE RETURNED. Applicants will receive an acknowledgement upon receipt of materials. If an acknowledgement is not received within three days please call.

Contact

For questions about the Writer Residency, please contact Naomi Okuyama, Cultural Affairs Supervisor at culture@smgov.net or call (310) 458-2257.

For information about the Annenberg Community Beach House, visit the Beach House, visit <http://annenbergbeachhouse.com> and/or call (310) 458-4904 (No Residency questions, please).

A listing of all Beach=Culture events can be found at: <http://annenbergbeachhouse.com/beachculture>.

Please email applications to culture@smgov.net and cc smbeachculture@gmail.com.

Due Date

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