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CONTEMPORARY CRAFT ANNOUNCES NATIONAL ARTIST RESIDENCY PROGRAM

PITTSBURGH, PA (January 2023) – Contemporary Craft (CC) is pleased to announce a new national artist residency program, beginning in Spring/Summer 2023. This program will offer both short-term and long-term residencies that include free housing and a monthly stipend.

The new national residencies will be open to artists who are non-Pittsburgh residents and work in craft mediums such as metalsmithing, jewelry, fibers, weaving, wood, encaustics, paper and book arts, small-scale ceramics, and small-scale woodworking. These residencies will be in addition to CC's current regional artist residency program, which is open to craft artists within 100 miles of Pittsburgh.

The short-term national residency will last for a period of one month during May 2023, August 2023, November 2023, and February 2024. The long-term national residency will last for a period of six months from June – November 2023 or January – June 2024. All residents will receive free furnished housing a quick three-minute drive from CC, a \$1,200 a month stipend, access to CC's facility from 9 AM – 9 PM, and a private work space as well as access to the community Studio spaces.

"At Contemporary Craft we believe in accessibility to the arts, which is one of the guiding principles for this residency. It is important to us to be able to provide an opportunity within our field for concentrated artistic practice and by offering both housing and a stipend, we're hopeful that this will make the opportunity attainable to a wider audience of craft artists from around the country," said Rachel Saul Rearick, CC Executive Director.

Applications for both the short and long-term national residencies are due Wednesday, February 15 at 11:59 PM EST, with notifications sent on Tuesday, March 7. For complete details and the application, visit <https://contemporarycraft.org/artists-in-residence-2/>

"By bringing new craft artists to Pittsburgh, we hope to expose the region to artists and craft that they otherwise wouldn't have the opportunity to encounter," said CC Education Manager Allison Jones. "This residency also provides artists from other parts of the country the opportunity to be inspired by the rich history and culture that makes Pittsburgh such a special and unique city."

About Contemporary Craft

Presenting contemporary art in craft materials by regional, national, and international artists since 1971, Contemporary Craft offers cutting edge exhibitions focusing on multicultural diversity and contemporary art, as well as a range of artist-led studio workshops, community engagement programs, and a store featuring work by top artists from across the country. Located at 5645 Butler Street in Pittsburgh, PA, Contemporary Craft's exhibition and Drop-In Studio are free to the public.