

Artists by Artists

a Mendel mentorship program

Artists by Artists is a mentorship program that partners senior artists and arts professionals with emerging artists. This program provides artists with informal professional development and learning opportunities through the exchange of ideas and knowledge. It recognizes the wealth of expertise in the visual arts community while fostering the careers of newly independent artists. The Mendel Art Gallery acts as a catalyst for this program by selecting the strongest mentorship pairs and providing a venue for a public presentation at the end of the program.

Presentation

From critique to collaboration, each mentorship pair decides the extent and nature of their interaction. The mentorship culminates in a presentation of one or both artists' work in the Mendel's lower lobby. This space, which is outside of the Mendel's curated exhibitions, serves as a venue for showcasing each *Artists by Artists* pairing and offers sixty five running feet of wall space, electrical outlets, internet access, and professional exhibition lighting.

Presentations can include finished work, works in progress, or documentation of performances or site-specific works that have taken place outside of the gallery space. *Artists by Artists* presentations typically coincide with the Mendel's regular exhibition schedule, and are usually booked one year or more in advance. The Mendel will advertise the mentorship exhibition, and provide opportunities for participants to engage in related programming when possible.

In preparation for the presentation, program participants are expected to provide biographical information, a project description, and digital images of artwork. A brief curatorial statement (three hundred words) is requested from the senior artist to use in Mendel communications activities and to produce a didactic panel. The mentorship participants install in the week prior to the opening reception. Upon completion of the mentorship program, the emerging artist will be required to submit a brief report.

Fees

Both participants in the *Artists by Artists* mentorship program receive a fee in alignment with the CARFAC fee schedule.

Eligibility

Prospective emerging artists must demonstrate a commitment to pursuing a professional arts practice. The ideal candidate should have some training in their art form through workshops, mentorships, or formal education and be working towards exhibition opportunities. Individuals may participate in the program as emerging artists one time only.

Established arts professionals including (but not limited to) visual artists, educators, curators, and writers will be sought as senior mentorship partners. Due to the volume of interest in the program, participation by a senior artist in *Artists by Artists* will be limited to two mentorships per five-year period.

Partnerships in Saskatoon and the immediate area are given priority.

How to Apply

Submissions for the *Artists by Artists* program are accepted on an ongoing basis. We prefer that senior and emerging artists apply as established mentorship partners, but will accept applications from individuals seeking program partners. Applications should include a letter of intent (including name of mentor/mentee and proposed activities), cv (s), and maximum of 15 digital images. Email submissions are preferred.

Please direct submissions and program inquiries to

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