



Mattress Factory Announces Open Call for Artists

PITTSBURGH, PENNSYLVANIA (December 26, 2017) – The Mattress Factory is currently accepting submissions to be considered for inclusion in the upcoming 2019 exhibition programmatic year. Submissions will be accepted now through February 1, 2018. National and international artists are equally welcome to submit.

The Mattress Factory was founded in 1977 by artists who were interested in producing site-specific installations created by artists working in residence. Since then, the museum has commissioned and presented new installation and performance works by more than 750 artists. The museum supports established and emerging artists through a program that provides guidance, leadership, resources and opportunities to create artwork that is unconventional, challenging and thought-provoking. The museum's flexibility and inventiveness allow artists to respond to developments in technology, explore audience interaction and challenge traditional artistic ideals and practice.

In a given year the museum exhibits work by eight to twelve artists, and exhibitions are open to the public for an average of ten months. The average residency time period is three to four weeks on-site, but can be shorter or longer depending upon the needs of the project. The museum enhances its exhibitions with public and educational programming inspired by and developed with the artists' input.

The following support is provided to all artists in residence: all project material costs, skilled and unskilled labor during installation, staff project support, marketing and publicity, photo documentation, transportation to and from Pittsburgh, on-site housing, per diem, and a stipend.

Interested artists may learn more and submit their work at mattressfactory.submittable.com. Questions may be directed to submission@mattress.org.

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About the Mattress Factory: Hailed as the best museum for installation art in the U.S., the Mattress Factory invites visitors to experience “art you can get into.” Over the past 40 years, the Factory has presented and commissioned new installation and performance works by more than 750 artists, both established and emerging, who have challenged themselves and their audiences through the support of the museum's exceptional residency program. The Mattress Factory's outreach programs serve more than 20,000 students, teachers, adults, and families every year, and its activities as a visitor attraction, educator, and employer continue to invigorate Pittsburgh's North Side. For more information, call 412.231.3169 or visit mattress.org.