



TACOMA STUDIO TOUR

Tacoma Arts Month

October 15 & 16, 2022

Application deadline: Tuesday, May 31, 2022 by 11:59pm

Are you a creative or an artist that lives in and has a working studio and/or a performance space in Tacoma? Help us advance the visibility of arts and culture in Tacoma by applying to participate in our 19th annual Tacoma Studio Tour! The Tacoma Studio Tour is an exciting opportunity to invite the public in to your working studio or performance space, give demonstrations of how you make your work, or host a hands-on or interactive activity with the community!

The Tacoma Arts Commission is seeking artists and creatives who are willing to open their studios and performance spaces to the public for the Tacoma Studio Tour, one of the features of Tacoma Arts Month this October. The emphasis of this tour is on raising visibility of artists and creatives and providing opportunities for the community to connect to the arts. While not required, we encourage you to have work for sale; no commission will be taken on any sales and you will handle any sale of your work directly. Studios will be open on Saturday, October 15th and Sunday, October 16th from 11 am to 5 pm. You can choose to be open on Saturday, Sunday, or both days. The Tacoma Arts Commission will produce extensive electronic publicity materials including email communications, social media posts, and an interactive website and map. We will also produce a printed brochure for the Tacoma Studio Tour. Each participating artist and creative is required to actively promote the Tacoma Studio Tour to their own contacts; we will provide publicity materials for this use. There is no fee to apply and/or participate in the Tacoma Studio Tour.

The Office of Arts & Cultural Vitality will communicate with applicants along the way regarding any pandemic-related updates. Based on the unforeseeable state of the pandemic this fall, we will set and publicly share any health and safety requirements required to participate in the studio tour (such as a requirement for all participants to wear masks) in late summer. All participating artists, creatives, and attendees will be required to adhere to the set health and safety requirements. Artists and creatives **cannot** set their own specialized requirements for the public to enter their studio.

This year, we will be continuing the Studio Tour Passport program as an incentive for people to visit new and/or multiple studios. Each studio space will receive a unique stamp to indicate guests' attendance. You are encouraged, but not required, to donate a small art item that can be included in the prize packages.

Deadline for applications is Tuesday, May 31, 2022 by 11:59 pm. Applicants will be juried in a competitive process by a sub-committee of the Tacoma Arts Commission and selected based on the quality of artwork and the overall diversity of the work presented, as well as geographic diversity of the studios. By applying for the Tacoma Studio Tour, and if accepted, you are making a commitment to participate in the event, short of extreme life circumstances.

Do you want to share your work with the public but don't have a studio space you are willing or able to open to the public for the Tacoma Studio Tour? We will be hosting a second opportunity for Tacoma artists and creatives called Arts at the Armory on December 10 & 11, 2022. Arts at the Armory is an arts market and is a great option for Tacoma-based artists and creatives who would like to share and/or sell their work with the community, side by side with other creatives, all under the roof of the Tacoma Armory. No commission will be taken on any sales and artists will handle any sale of their work directly.

You can apply to participate in the Tacoma Studio Tour (October 15 & 16), Arts at the Armory (December 10 & 11), or both events. The application for Arts at the Armory will be available in summer 2022. There is no fee to apply and/or participate in these events.

Eligibility:

- You must live within the [Tacoma city limits](#) and/or your working studio must be located within the [Tacoma city limits](#)
- Your work must be created, performed, and/or handmade by you; not commercially acquired and/or appropriated
- You must provide a demonstration of your art form and/or provide a hands-on or interactive activity for attendees
- You must actively promote the Studio Tour to your own contacts

If you would like to be a guest at another studio, the above guidelines still apply. A studio is defined as a location where artwork is created on a consistent basis.

Creatives and artists who identify as members of the Global Majority, Black, Brown, Indigenous, People of Color (BBIPOC), African, Latinx, Arab, Asian, Native-American (ALAANA) communities; economically or socio-economically marginalized communities; LGBTQIA+ communities, and people living with disabilities are strongly encouraged to apply.

To Apply:

Eligible artists and creatives interested in this opportunity must fill out the online application form and attach the following items via Submittable: <https://tacomaarts.submittable.com/submit>

1. Five Work Samples
 - If working in visual art, upload 5 high quality JPEG files of your past work. If selected for the tour, we will use the images in materials produced for Tacoma Arts Month. Images must be at least 300 ppi resolution. Images smaller than 600 pixels per side are not recommended.
 - If working in performing or media arts, upload any combination of 5 video files and/or URLs. We also recommend submitting at least 1 JPEG image that can be used in promotional materials.
2. Artist resume or bio (maximum of 2 pages)

Please note: each artist or creative in a group studio needs to submit their own application, work samples, and artist resume or bio.

Questions? Contact Chevi Chung at 253.591.5171 or cchung1@cityoftacoma.org.