

National Music Centre announces national call for submissions for 2020 Artist in Residence program

Applications open now, close on October 27, 2019

(Calgary, AB — September 23, 2019) The National Music Centre (NMC) is accepting new submissions to its esteemed Artist in Residence (AiR) program at Studio Bell for 2020. Canadian musicians of all genres, backgrounds and skill levels are encouraged to apply.

Interested applicants can apply at studiobell.ca/artist-in-residence by Sunday, October 27, 2019 at 11:59 pm MST.

The AiR program is ideal for individuals, ensembles, bands, and researchers wishing to focus their attention on a specific project, including but not limited to recording, exploring NMC's acoustic and electronic instrument collection, songwriting, and academic research. Successful applicants will be self-motivated and comfortable working in an unstructured environment.

"This program attracts some of the most talented artists in the country," said Adam Fox, Director of Programs, National Music Centre. "I'm pleased to see alums of the residency continue to make waves both critically and commercially. Every year, it becomes increasingly more difficult to determine which diverse group of artists will get to take advantage of this one-of-a-kind opportunity. We look forward to this year's submissions from across Canada."

Notable participants of the program include: 2019 JUNO Award winner and 2018 Polaris Music Prize winner Jeremy Dutcher, DJ-producer duo A Tribe Called Red, indie-rock mainstay Ian Blurton, singer-songwriter Basia Bulat, acclaimed producer Daniel Lanois, Calgary rapper Jae Sterling, electro-pop sibling act Too Attached, and many others.

The National Music Centre also announced two new streams of residency programs in 2019 with the Stingray Classical Music Program and the Polaris Artist Residency in partnership with Lixar and the Polaris Music Prize. Montreal-based post-classical pianist Jean-Michel Blais, celebrated Calgary flautist Jijia Li, Edmonton musician Anders Muskens, and Toronto soul act Tanika Charles are among the acts that will participate in the program through those various streams.

The National Music Centre's Artist in Residence program is designed to feed and nurture artistic creativity. The program offers access to unprecedented studio environments, technical assistance from NMC staff, including an audio engineer and technical assistant, and NMC's renowned collection of musical instruments and recording equipment, which spans 450 years of technical innovation.

The National Music Centre's Artist in Residence program is generously supported by Bell Media.

About Studio Bell, home of the National Music Centre

Studio Bell, home of the National Music Centre (NMC), is much more than a museum. A registered charity and national catalyst for discovery, innovation and renewal through music, NMC is preserving and celebrating Canada's music story inside its home at Studio Bell in Calgary's East Village. With programming that includes on-site and outreach education programs, performances, artist incubation and exhibitions, NMC is inspiring a new generation of music lovers. For more information, please visit studiobell.ca.

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