

chicago park district

Arts Partners in Residence Program

WHAT IS ARTS PARTNERS IN RESIDENCE?

Arts Partners in Residence is a program of the Chicago Park District's Cultural, Arts & Nature (CAN) Department. Arts Partners in Residence provides space to artists and arts organizations (the Arts Partner) in exchange for the Arts Partner providing weekly programming to the public. This program develops long-term partnerships between parks and professional artists and arts organizations. It is an opportunity to bring professional, cultural arts programming to Chicago communities and is appropriate for all non-profit arts organizations that successfully provide education as part of their core mission and demonstrated capacity.

The primary goals of the ARTS PARTNERS IN RESIDENCE PROGRAM are:

- To create participatory arts and cultural activities for Chicago's neighborhood parks
- To promote value-added programming and collaborative opportunities in communities underserved by arts organizations and cultural institutions
- To serve local neighborhoods' cultural desires
- To develop long-term collaborations between neighborhood parks and professional artists and arts organizations
- To build community through artists and park patrons working together
- To aid the development of arts organizations by providing use of under-utilized park space for the creation of art

Arts Partners bring their enthusiasm and expertise to neighborhoods looking for cultural resources. By providing programming requested by the park, Arts Partners become a vital player in local neighborhood quality of life. Arts Partners in Residence is designed to expand a park's cultural programming, and is not intended to replace or compete with existing park programs.

THE EXCHANGE

This exchange is not based on money. Rather, it is based on the Park District providing the Arts Partner the use of office, classroom, rehearsal, performance, studio, storage, and/or gallery space in underutilized facilities in exchange for arts programming for park patrons during the course of the yearly programming schedule. Programming is most often offered weekly, but can be monthly or seasonal, as well. The specifics of the exchange are determined in consultation with the potential Arts Partner and the Park Supervisor, and facilitated by ESCE staff. Arts Partners' commitments develop in 3 year increments, resulting in a long-term residency.

**If you would like more information about the
ARTS PARTNERS IN RESIDENCE PROGRAM
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