

CATWALK ART RESIDENCY

Information for Applicants

Please note: We will review our health and safety policies before opening for the 2021 season. Upon acceptance, residents will receive a more detailed document with up-to-date information reflecting current health and safety policies.

ABOUT CATWALK:

1. What type of place is Catwalk?

Catwalk is an artist residency program, founded by Jim and Purcell Palmer, located in a private residence (“Catwalk”) and a neighboring house (“Catslair”), both on the banks of the Hudson River in Catskill, NY. Patrons of the arts, the Palmers developed a program that opened their home and grounds to creative professionals each year during the warm months. Jim passed away in 2013 and his generous spirit is evident in Catwalk’s outdoor spaces and its continuing legacy. Artists are selected by participating institutions and submitted by these schools to attend the program. Artists live in private living spaces and have access to other shared spaces to work in while in residence. Use of the natural surroundings of the estate grounds and nearby area sites in addition to studio work is encouraged. Between two and six artists attend the residency at one time. Artists of all types come to Catwalk and there are virtually no limits to the type of work and creativity that can happen while visiting Catwalk. To read more about the program visit the ABOUT link on our website www.catwalkartresidency.com.

2. Who can apply and what is the process?

Catwalk partners with Columbia University, NYU Tisch, the School of the Art Institute of Chicago and Vassar College. In general alumni must have an MFA to be eligible. Our academic partners issue calls for applications, convene a jury to evaluate them, and send Catwalk a slate of nominees. Catwalk makes the final determination and scheduling decisions. More information is available under the “Apply” menu on catwalkartresidency.com.

RESIDENCE SPACES AT CATWALK:

1. Are meals provided?

Meals are not provided, although you may be invited to share a meal with Purcell on occasion. You may purchase food from the nearby grocery stores, arrange delivery via Instacart, or visit one of the many cafes and restaurants in Catskill or Hudson (for takeout only in the 2020 season). You may also get groceries delivered using Instacart.

2. Can I cook my own meals?

Yes. Each residence has a furnished kitchen and artists may cook meals at any time. Supplies include a fridge and stove, pots, pans, utensils, appliances, coffee maker, blender, and microwave oven.

3. Do I need bedding and towels?

Although artists are welcome to bring their own bedding, each residence is fully stocked with plenty of clean linens, towels, pillows and blankets.

4. Are the rooms furnished?

Yes. The residences are furnished and have desks, chairs and dining tables, couches and lamps.

5. Is there heat and A/C at Catwalk?

The living spaces have heat, AC units and plenty of fans. Studio spaces have portable heaters and fans if needed.

6. Is there cleaning service?

Housekeeping typically is provided at Catwalk between residencies only. Catwalk asks that artists keep their spaces clean and picked up during their stay. Cleaning supplies are located in each space.

ARRIVAL/DEPARTURE, TRANSPORTATION & TRAVEL:

1. What are check-in and check-out times?

You will be notified of your residency period, which is designed to accommodate artists' requested schedule when possible. Make sure to time your arrival STRICTLY between 12:30 and 4 PM on Tuesdays and your departure by 1PM on Sundays.

2. Do I need a car?

Catwalk suggests that residents have a vehicle to facilitate grocery shopping. While Catwalk's pandemic bubble strategy will limit visits to attractions and dining out, a car will most safely facilitate grocery runs when needed and allow for exploration of the area's natural beauty and attractions.

3. How do I get around the neighborhood if I don't have a car?

There is currently no public transit system in Catskill. For the robust resident, it is possible to walk or bike to the Catskill's Main Street and shopping district (1-2 miles), but larger grocery store visits and Hudson (5 miles away) are better reached by car. You may call an area taxi if needed.

4. Does Catwalk have bicycles?

There are two bikes at Catwalk that residents may borrow and use at their own risk. Residents are urged to bring a helmet and wear it when riding.

5. Catwalk Institute's Address

Catwalk Art Residency
4 NY-385, Catskill, NY 12414
(518) 943-4631

Note: some GPS's navigate to 4 Bridge Street, Catskill NY when the address above is entered.

CATWALK POLICIES:

1. How much does Catwalk cost?

There is no charge to attend Catwalk. Artists are responsible to pay for their travel, food, entertainment and art supplies, unless underwritten by their sponsoring institution.

2. Can I change the dates of my residency?

If accepted, we ask that you adhere to the dates of your term, arriving on Tuesdays and departing on Sundays. To maximize your experience at the residency, we ask that you do not cut the time short by leaving early or arriving late. If you find you must cancel, please notify us immediately so a substitution can be made as soon as possible. Because we have more artists than we have space, it is important that residency slots do not go unused.

3. Can I return to Catwalk?

Yes. Alumni of Catwalk are always welcome to re-apply through their institutions. Many of our artists have come more than once.

4. Are pets allowed at Catwalk?

No. We ask that you leave your pets at home. If you use a service animal, please consult with Catwalk staff.

STUDIO SPACES & WORKING:

1. Is wi-fi available on campus?

Yes. You will be given the log-in credentials at check in.

2. What are the studio spaces like?

Many residents choose to work in their private apartments, but we also encourage you to make use of the plentiful outdoor spaces and gardens as much as possible. The Garage Studio, across from our main house has a grand piano which residents are welcome to use. There are also garden houses cleared for use, should a resident choose to work there.

3. What type of work can be made at Catwalk?

Virtually any type can be made on site and Catwalk has had a range of artwork and practices here over the years. Catwalk is always open to new ideas and can hopefully accommodate artistic ideas and reasonable requests as much as possible. Please ask for guidance if you may be using any dangerous or toxic materials.

4. Can I make work and use the materials on the grounds?

Catwalk welcomes exploration and use of the grounds and natural setting of the property, which is one of the most special aspects of this residency. In order to preserve the natural beauty of the site, we do ask that all artists respect the environment and its creatures. Please do not destroy or alter the landscape or leave behind materials or debris. Please also consult with Catwalk staff before engaging in site-specific installations or structures that could alter the environment or grounds.

FELLOWSHIP:

1. Can I work on my own, or with the other residents?

Artists can choose to be on their own or collaborate with other residents as desired. In the past, projects have engaged Catwalk Staff, area residents or village sites as well; this is not possible in 2020. All types of working methods are encouraged depending on creative style or practice (again, while adhering to Catwalk's health and safety policies and procedures). Often one resident can provide a helping hand or critique for another, and we have seen many friendships and collaborations that were founded while at Catwalk.

2. Do I need to visit with Purcell and the Catwalk Staff?

While in-person interaction in 2020 will not look the same as in non-pandemic times, customarily Purcell Palmer and the rest of Catwalk's staff encourage visiting and fellowship. We look forward to exploring opportunities for socially-distanced sharing of ideas and opportunities to learn about your work. We also respect the artist's need to work and have private time too.

3. Are there opportunities to showcase my work/solicit feedback from other residents?

Residents may volunteer to present work-in-progress or organize/participate in presentation/feedback sessions with other residents on an ad hoc basis. Purcell and the staff appreciate invitations to these sessions should an audience be welcome. Outside audiences are also possible in non-pandemic times. During the pandemic, outside audiences are not possible.

4. Can I have friends visit me at Catwalk?

Catwalk residency space is limited to accepted applicants. In non-pandemic times we sometimes can welcome co-collaborators (beyond those in your original application) for shorter stays, but this will likely be difficult due to the pandemic. That said, the situation is evolving and please inquire if you wish to invite a co-collaborator, with the understanding that it may not be possible. For insurance and safety purposes, visitors for purposes outside of the creative process are not permitted.