

## **Application Form for the "African Fusion" Residency Program**

Please complete this application form to apply for the "African Fusion" Residency Program. This program offers international artists a transformative and immersive experience in Melville, Johannesburg, fostering artistic exploration, cultural exchange, and academic collaboration.

### **Personal Information:**

- Full Name:
- Date of Birth:
- Nationality:
- Gender:
- Contact Number:
- Email Address:
- Current Address:

### **Residency Preferences:**

- Preferred Residency Duration (in weeks):
- Proposed Start Date:
- Proposed End Date:

### **Artist Portfolio:**

Please attach your Artist Portfolio showcasing your previous work and artistic achievements. This should include high-quality images of your artwork, artist statement, and any relevant documentation of exhibitions or artistic projects.

### **Reference Letter:**

Please provide a reference letter from a research body or individuals familiar with your artistic practice. The letter should highlight your artistic skills, creativity, and potential for contribution to the "African Fusion" Residency Program.

### **Motivation Letter:**

Write a motivation letter explaining your interest in the program and how you plan to contribute to the artistic and academic collaborations. Also, describe how the residency aligns with your artistic goals and what you hope to gain from the experience.

### **Review and Shortlisting:**

All applications will be reviewed by the program directors and a selection committee. Applications will be evaluated based on artistic merit, potential for contribution to the program, and alignment with the program's objectives. Shortlisted candidates will be invited for an interview.

### **Interview Stage:**

Shortlisted candidates will be invited to participate in an interview, either in person or through video conferencing. During the interview, you will have the opportunity to discuss

your artistic practice, motivation for joining the residency, and willingness to engage in collaborative activities.

### **Mentor Matching:**

Selected artists will be paired with experienced African contemporary artists as mentors. The mentor selection will be based on artists' artistic styles, interests, and areas of specialization to ensure a productive and enriching mentorship experience.

### **Final Selection:**

After the mentor matching process, the final list of participating artists will be determined. Selected artists will be informed of their acceptance into the "African Fusion" Residency Program.

### **Residency Confirmation:**

If accepted, you will be required to confirm your participation and commit to the program's schedule and terms. You will also be provided with information about accommodation and studio arrangements, mentorship details, and other program-related information.

### **Program Orientation:**

Prior to the start of the residency, a comprehensive orientation will be conducted to familiarize artists with the program's components, schedule, and expectations. Artists will be introduced to the mentorship program, networking opportunities, and interdisciplinary collaboration within Afriversity.

### **Program Implementation:**

The "African Fusion" Residency Program will take place as per the scheduled dates, typically ranging from several weeks to several months. Artists will be actively engaged in their creative processes, mentorship sessions, critique sessions, and collaborative activities.

### **Exhibition and Research Publication:**

Towards the end of the residency, artists will have the opportunity to showcase their works in a solo or group exhibition. Researchers involved in the Afriversity component will work towards publishing their findings and insights from the interdisciplinary collaboration.

### **Program Evaluation:**

At the conclusion of the residency, participants will be asked to provide feedback on their experience. The program directors will conduct an evaluation to assess the program's impact and identify areas for improvement.

The "African Fusion" Residency Program aims to create an inclusive and transformative experience for international artists and researchers, fostering appreciation for African contemporary art and culture while promoting artistic growth and academic excellence.

The selection process ensures that participating artists are committed to contributing actively to the program and engaging in meaningful cross-cultural collaborations.

Please submit the completed application form along with your Artist Portfolio, Reference Letter, and Motivation Letter to [admin@denzilsandjo.org](mailto:admin@denzilsandjo.org) by 30 September 2023.

By submitting this application, you acknowledge that you have read and understood the selection process and agree to abide by the rules and guidelines of the "African Fusion" Residency Program.

We look forward to receiving your application and considering you for this unique and enriching artistic experience. Good luck!