

# Open call for Shinano Omachi AIR

【Application guidelines】

Program theme

***[Water Spin the Thread of Life]***

***This is an artist-in-residence that has the theme to express life in Shinano Omachi.***

***People here live with rich nature, especially abundant water from mountains. Life is like “spinning thread out of water.”***

***(We want you to express people’s life with nature.)***

***We aim to the creation of new artwork respecting local culture and tradition. Put your hands in nature and be as one.***



Artists and creators are invited to participate in working at the foot of Japanese north alps.

Program theme:

Venue: Shinano-Omachi AIR

Residence period: from 23rd August to 14th October

Number of artists: 4

Requirement: A proposal of your project idea based on the program themes, a plan for how you might exhibit your work and a proposal for a workshop program.

## Eligibility:

- Any nationality, place of residence, age (you must be at least 18 years old when you start the residence), sex or gender.
  - Applicants must have experience of a previous artist in residence program. (Students are not eligible)
- \* Acceptable areas are fine art, music, craft, theater, dance, literary arts, photography, film and design.
- Selected artists must understand the aim of the resident program and report their results at the end of the program (the form of the report presentation will be decided upon following discussion).
  - Selected artists should create at least one artwork which influenced by the characteristics of Omachi city.
  - Selected artists are expected to participate in events and activities organized at Shinano-Omachi AIR.
  - Selected artists are responsible for producing work, exhibiting and taking down the exhibition.
  - Selected artists must be able to support themselves throughout their stay.
  - Selected artists must abide by the regulations of the facility.
  - Selected artists must attend the opening event and the event for result report.
  - You must be able to communicate with the other selected artists in English.

The following support is given to artists participating in the program.

- Studio rent (include : electricity, water, Wifi connection) and heating expenses.
  - Support of expenses for creation (see the grant guideline)
  - Arrangement of volunteer support and cooperation with related organizations.
  - Press materials and interaction with local art communities.
  - Documentation materials which Asahi Air has produced (photos and videos).
- \* You are required to arrange travel insurance, which must cover the entire stay including journey to Omachi and to send a copy of the certificate to Asahi AIR prior to your journey.
- \*Please bring your own laptop as no computer will be provided

## Grant guidelines

\*Travel and material fees can only be reimbursed in Japanese Yen in exchange with receipts and boarding passes (showing the date of purchase, amount of payment, travel itinerary and name of the passenger). Participants should bring enough money to cover the initial spending ideally for the first month.

Our grants includes:

Travel costs (up to 150,000 yen) in exchange with receipts and boarding passes

Daily allowance (2,200 yen)

Material Fees (up to 200,000 yen in total) in exchange with receipts

Cultural exchange workshop (up to 40,000 Yen) in exchange with receipts

Studios:

- Accommodation studio; one room per person (open 24-hours).

Please visit the website to view photos of the room. Artists must follow the regulations regarding the use of the rooms.

[www.shinano-omachi.jp/asahiair/studio](http://www.shinano-omachi.jp/asahiair/studio)

\* Common areas are open to public. Artists are required to consult with members of staff in advance regarding usage of this space.

Notes:

- Any expenses exceeding Grants guideline must be covered by the artist.
  - Facilities in the Asahi AIR except for allocated studios cannot be occupied.
  - \* When using areas outside the residence studio, consult with members of staff to arrange the time and discuss the usage in advance.
  - Overseas residents who need a passport and visa to enter Japan must take responsibility for obtaining the correct documentation.
  - Artists from countries which have not concluded a tax treaty or a country which Japan has concluded the tax treaty with but where income is taxable may be liable for income tax on the sum provided to support their activities and transportation.
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## 【Application】

Deadline of Apprication: 30th June 2023

Open call period: From 29th May to 30th June 2023

Residence period: From 23rd August to 14th October 2023

\*The selected Artists will be announced at July 10th on the official website.

How to apply:

Please complete the following application forms and submit either via e-mail or post. (Please upload to a web server if your application file is large and mention the link to download, or use a high volume file transfer service.)

Required documents:

1. Application form; 3 pages.
2. Self portrait (attach to the application form)
3. Portfolio (up to 10 images of your work) A4 size / data which can be shown to the public.
4. Other relevant information such as website or DVD (optional)
5. Overseas applicants must attach a copy of their passport ID page.
6. Proposal of Artwork you want to make in Asahi Air (it does not mean you need to make exact work you planed. we just want to see your first impression and imagination of our residency.)

Where to send:

E-mail: [asahi-air@shinano-omachi.jp](mailto:asahi-air@shinano-omachi.jp) Title: "Application for an open call"

Post: To: Open Call to Shinano Omachi AIR

Asahi AIR 3887 Omachi Nagano Japan. 398-8601

Selection and notification:

Asahi AIR committee will select the Artists based on the application forms and portfolios submitted. All applicants will be notified of the results by 2023 July 10th on the official website.

- Applications which arrive after the deadline will not be accepted.
  - Any application material which is damaged or illegible will not be considered.
  - Submitted documents, portfolios and DVDs will not be returned.
  - No enquiries about selection will be accepted.
  - We will send you a confirmation email once we receive your application form.
- However if you do not hear from us after a few days, please get in touch.
- Please let us know if you are sending your application form just before the deadline. If the application is not received properly we may not be able to accept your application.

## Information

Open Call to Shinano-Omachi Asahi AIR

E-mail: [asahi-air@shinano-omachi.jp](mailto:asahi-air@shinano-omachi.jp)

## Application Form download

Please download the application form from below link. or e-mail to [[asahi-air@shinano-omachi.jp](mailto:asahi-air@shinano-omachi.jp)] for requesting the applicatio form.