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## THE TRUST FOR GOVERNORS ISLAND RELEASES OPEN CALL FOR 2024 ORGANIZATIONS IN RESIDENCE PROGRAM

NYC-based arts, cultural, and educational nonprofit organizations are encouraged to apply by November 3 deadline for free exhibition and workspace on Governors Island

**NEW YORK (September 28, 2023)** —The Trust for Governors Island announced today the opening of its 2024 Open Call for the seasonal Organizations in Residence program. Presented through Governors Island Arts, the Organizations in Residence program offers an exciting opportunity for arts, cultural, educational, and environmental nonprofits to share their work with the public and advance their missions in a setting unlike anywhere else in New York City. Starting today, New York-based cultural organizations are invited to submit proposals to present exhibitions and public programs in historic spaces on Governors Island between May and October 2024. Selected organizations will present public programs within historic former military homes in Nolan Park in Colonels Row and receive space free of charge.

"Through Governors Island Arts' annual call for proposals, we are able to advance our mission to provide a platform for local organizations while offering New Yorkers and visitors from around the world high-quality, innovative, thoughtful, and free exhibits and activities," **said Clare Newman, President & CEO of The Trust for Governors Island.** "As we enter our eleventh year of this seasonal program, we look forward to continuing to grow and creating long-term, year-round homes for arts and cultural organizations on Governors Island."

"In 2023, we had our largest and most diverse group of organizations ever here in the Island's historic houses, presenting more events for New Yorkers than ever before," **said Juan Pablo Siles, Associate Curator and Producer at the Trust for Governors Island.** "We are excited to continue to create opportunities for our city's nonprofit arts and cultural community through the Organizations in Residence program and look forward to welcoming a new cohort of engaging and thought-provoking organizations to Governors Island in the spring."

Reflecting the diversity of New York City, Governors Island Arts' seasonal Organizations in Residence present an incredible range of dynamic, accessible programming to Governors Island visitors and all New Yorkers every year. These nonprofit organizations join a collaborative Island community of leading cultural groups from across New York, who present programs in the fields of visual and performing arts, history, architecture and design, climate change, ecology, sustainability, and more. Together, the Island's resident organizations hold more than 100 free,



public exhibitions and outdoor projects each year, as well as provide studios and workspace to dozens of artists, writers, researchers, and other cultural practitioners.

Recent organizations selected as part of this program have included the American Indian Community House, ArtCrawl Harlem, BronxArtSpace, the Climate Museum, Staten Island Urban Center, the West Harlem Art Fund, Lower Eastside Girls Club, Fountain House Gallery, Flux Factory, the Museum of Contemporary African Diasporan Art (MoCADA), Billion Oyster Project, National Academy of Design, New Art Dealers Alliance (NADA), Taiwanese American Arts Council, Swale, the New York Latin American Art Triennial, and Triangle Arts Association, among many others.

The full application is available at <a href="www.govisland.org/permits">www.govisland.org/permits</a>. Proposals will be accepted through November 3, 2023. Applicants will be asked to fill out an application form and upload a brief written proposal that describes their program in detail. Applicants will be notified by December 1, 2023.

Proposals will be evaluated based on the overall quality of the proposed program; fit and alignment with the Island's dynamic arts, cultural and educational programming; track record of conceptualizing, producing, and organizing other programs and events; commitment to connecting with diverse audiences; and engagement with the Island as a site, including its history, ecology, architecture, and relationship to the rest of New York City.

Investment in Governors Island Arts advances a key component of "Rebuild, Renew, Reinvent: A Blueprint for NYC's Economic Recovery," New York City Mayor Eric Adams's vision for the future of the city's economy. Over the next decade, the City and the Trust will invest in evolving this seasonal program into year-round permanent homes for cultural organizations on Governors Island.

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## **About Governors Island Arts**

Governors Island Arts, the public arts and cultural program presented by the Trust for Governors Island, creates transformative encounters with art for all New Yorkers, inviting artists and researchers to engage with the issues of our time in the context of the Island's layered histories, environments, and architecture. Governors Island Arts achieves this mission through temporary and long-term public art commissions, an annual Organization in Residence program in the Island's historic houses, and free public programs and events in partnership with a wide range of cross-disciplinary NYC cultural organizations. For more information, visit <a href="https://www.govisland.org">www.govisland.org</a>

## **About the Trust for Governors Island**



The Trust for Governors Island is the nonprofit corporation created by the City of New York that is responsible for the redevelopment and operation of 150 acres of Governors Island. The Trust's mission is to realize the full potential of Governors Island for the inspiration and enjoyment of all New Yorkers, demonstrating a bold vision for public space. For more information, visit <a href="https://www.govisland.org">www.govisland.org</a>