

**Studios Midwest**  
**A Summer Residency Program**

Studios Midwest brings artists to Galesburg, IL to engage and impact the community through creative and collaborative art. The program works with each artist to create an environment ripe for the emerging trend of art and social practice. Distinct from modern art of the 20<sup>th</sup> century, social practice builds on a variety of contemporary art movements while incorporating elements of sociology, anthropology, social work, environmentalism, and community outreach. In simple terms, the artist(s) will interact with the local population to create a lasting work of art in the community. Galesburg is your studio!

A Midwestern town of approximately 33,000, Galesburg is a diverse community with many unique populations that will benefit from working with an artist dedicated to social practice. The artist may choose to partner with local service agencies to reach a population, or may submit his or her own plan to work with a population or the public at large. Studios Midwest invites professional or graduate level artists of all media to apply.

**Benefits & Amenities:**

- The freedom to express your creative vision while creating lasting impressions on the community
- Housing and studio space provided
- A 30% discount on regularly priced art supplies from Blick Art Materials during residency
- Local media publicity
- Interact with professional artists
- Public exhibition of art created during residency
- Opportunity to implement art in social practice with a population within the Galesburg community

**Artists participating in the program should expect to:**

- Furnish own transportation to and from Galesburg, IL
- Furnish own art materials, food, and personal items
- Participate in official Studios Midwest functions
- Participate in media publicity
- Design and implement a plan for art and social practice with a specific population in Galesburg, IL

Up to four artists are accepted each year. The residency may take place in four to eight week increments. Timelines are somewhat flexible and specific dates will be agreed upon with the program coordinator.

**Complete applications include:**

- Application form
- Ten labeled recent images of your work in .jpg or .tiff format or link to artist website
- Personal resume including information about past work and names and contact info for two references
- Proposal of project(s) planned for residency, including special accommodations or supplies needed to successfully complete project(s). Artist should also identify specific target population he or she intends to reach.

For full consideration, applications must arrive at the Galesburg Civic Arts Center by **January 15, 2012**. Artists may apply electronically via email or may send completed application form with supporting materials to Galesburg Civic Arts Center, 114 East Main Street, Galesburg, IL 61401. Questions may be directed to the Art Center by calling (309) 342-7415 or by emailing [studiosmidwest@galesburgarts.org](mailto:studiosmidwest@galesburgarts.org).