How to Apply for a Residency at Soaring Gardens Artist Retreat

Soaring Gardens and the Ora Lerman Charitable Trust are dedicated to keeping the application process as simple and straightforward as possible. As such we handle each application with attention to detail and respect. If you have any difficulties with the application process, or if you would like to view a sample portfolio, please contact our Residency Manager Jordan Oakey at lermantrust.residencymanager@gmail.com.

There are two step to the application process:

1. Fill out the Google Form
2. Submit your Portfolio

Note: If you are applying as a group, each member of your group should submit their own google form and portfolio. Please list the names of each group member after your project proposal.

1. Step 1. Please complete the Google Form application using the link below and then continue on to Step 2.

Note: Remember to push 'submit' before proceeding to the second step of creating your portfolio.

Submit Application

2. Step 2. Please Create and Submit a portfolio of your work using the guidelines below.

Note: Please submit a single PDF as your complete portfolio. It should be titled with your name, your discipline, and the year. (e.g. "Amadeus Mozart Composition 2025").

Portfolio Format and Requirements by Discipline

Create your single PDF document organized in this order:

1. Samples of Your Work

- Visual Artists:
    - Six numbered images including specification captions. Please have one large image per page.
    - Thumbnail image list including: title, media, dimensions, and year.
    - If you work in film or similar media, please provide a separate link to three works, totaling no more than fifteen minutes.

- Writers:
    - A sample or samples of your writing, totaling no more than fifteen pages.

- Composers:
    - Provide links to three samples of your compositions. Acceptable platforms include Vimeo, Youtube, Soundcloud, and any comparable platform. Please do not use a platform that would require a subscription of any kind (e.g., Spotify).
    - If possible, include the written score of one of your samples with the measures that correspond to your sample. Please indicate to which link the score belongs.

- Instrumentalists:
    - Provide links to four performance samples, each no more than five minutes in duration.
    - Repertoire list
    - List of performances within the last two years.

2. Project Proposal (Provide a description of what you would like to accomplish in your residency - no more than 200 words, single spaced. If you are applying as a group,

each member of your group and their discipline should be listed after your project proposal.)

3. Resume/Curriculum Vitae Your resume or CV needs to include two years professional experience.

Submit Portfolio

Applicants will be notified within 48 hours that we have received your application. If your application is incomplete, you will be asked to correct and resubmit.

If you would like to view a sample portfolio or would like help creating your PDF portfolio, please contact Jordan Oakey at:
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