MATTRESS FACTORY ANNOUNCES OPEN CALL FOR ARTISTS

(PITTSBURGH, PA March 2019) – The Mattress Factory is currently accepting submissions to be considered for inclusion in the upcoming 2020 exhibition programmatic year. Submissions will be accepted now through July 1, 2019. Artists will be notified in late July 2019. The residency periods are April/May 2020 and August/September 2020. National and international artists are equally welcome to submit.

Interested artists may learn more and submit their work at https://mattressfactory.submittable.com/submit.

In a given year the museum exhibits work by eight to twelve artists, and exhibitions are open to the public for an average of ten months. The average residency time period is three to four weeks on-site, but can be shorter or longer depending upon the needs of the project. The museum enhances its exhibitions with public and educational programming inspired by and developed with the artists’ input.

The following support is provided to all artists in residence: all project material costs, skilled and unskilled labor during installation, staff project support, marketing and publicity, photo documentation, transportation to and from Pittsburgh, on-site housing, per diem, and an honorarium.

The Mattress Factory was founded in 1977 by artists who were interested in producing site-specific installations created by artists working in residence. Since then, the museum has commissioned and presented new installation and performance works by more than 750 artists. The museum supports established and emerging artists through a program that provides guidance, leadership, resources and opportunities to create artwork that is unconventional, challenging and thought-provoking. The museum’s flexibility and inventiveness allow artists to respond to developments in technology, explore audience interaction and challenge traditional artistic ideals and practice.

About the Mattress Factory: Hailed as the best museum for installation art in the United States, the Mattress Factory invites visitors to experience “art you can get into.” Over the past 41 years, the Mattress Factory has presented and commissioned new installation and performance works by over 750 artists, both established and emerging, who have challenged themselves and their audiences through the support of the museum’s exceptional residency program. The Mattress Factory’s outreach programs serve more than 30,000 students, teachers, adults, and families annually, and its activities as a visitor attraction, educator and employer continue to invigorate Pittsburgh’s North Side. For more information, call 412.231.3169 or visit mattress.org.

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