

Artist in Residence Program at Halsnøy kloster

Sunnhordland Museum invite artists from all over the world to come to the island of Halsnøy, off the west coast of Norway, to stay and work in beautiful surroundings.

Halsnøy kloster comprises the ruins of an Augustine medieval monastery established in 1163. Today the ruins are a popular museum site in the region of Sunnhordland. The site has an exciting history, and is also situated in a spectacular setting in the heart of the Norwegian fjords and mountains.

The Artist in Residence program:

The museum offers a three-week stay in a rustic old mansion from 1841. The house doesn't have the highest standard, but you will sleep in a very cozy bedroom with a splendid view to the garden and the ruins. There is a bathroom and a well equipped kitchen.

Please note that the house does not have a television set, but naturally you will be able to connect with the rest of the world through internet.

Who can apply?

Sunnhordland Museum offers this Residency program to photographers, painters and musicians, from all over the world.

You have to be a professional artist, who have already had your debut exhibition or concert.

The old mansion has a good piano to practice on, and there is also a gallery in the basement. It is expected from those accepted for the residency, that they will have an exhibition or a concert, to present their work at the monastery.

This presentation should preferably take place no more than six months after the stay. Sunnhordland Museum has regular exhibitions at the site, and will assist you in planning and promoting this event.

Working conditions:

Halsnøy kloster does not have an established studio, therefore artists will find a solution together with the staff of the museum as to which room to use in their work. Close to the monastery, (five minutes' walk), there is an art school for college students, where an atelier can be available from mid-

May till mid-August. The artists who come to Halsnøy on the autumn-part of the year will also be asked to give a lecture or a short workshop at the school.

More about the program:

A stay at Halsnøy can be offered to single artists as well as couples. It can also be nice for two or three people working together on projects, to get away and devote time to their work.

Those accepted will have a free stay in a beautiful house with all antique furniture, in a very special historical spot.

As the situation is today, Sunnhordland Museum can not - unfortunately - offer to pay travel expenses. However, the museum intends to put forward a small sum for each periodic stay, to help towards some meals, and naturally they will assist visitors with all practical details and all information needed, to make the stay comfortable.

Also, a statement will be given about the residency, to help you apply for funding in your country.



Interested applicants are advised to send their application with description of project to: hkl@sunnhordland.museum or oh@oyvindhjelen.com

About the museum:

Sunnhordland Museum is a museum of cultural history, with collections from all around the region of Sunnhordland in the county of Hordaland. The museum is a non-profit organization which display the different time-periods of the region in our permanent exhibitions. There is also a variety of temporary exhibitions and audience programs all year round.

At Halsnøy kloster the museum also offers the public different art exhibitions at the monastery gallery.



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The Monastery at Halsnøy



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