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## **CREATE: COMMUNITY ARTS STUDIO ACCEPTING APPLICATIONS FOR 2019 SPRING ARTIST IN RESIDENCE PROGRAM**

Create: Community Arts Studio (CCAS) believes studio space is critical for artists and understands the importance of having dedicated space to work in. The Artist in Residence (AIR) program at Create is an intensive day program offered to emerging High School artists that forms a positive network of artists to expand one's existing practice, work collaboratively, discuss art critically and inspire one another.

Each year, CCAS attracts 10 aspiring artists into the AIR program, offering an unparalleled studio experience. The AIR is a four-month residency in the Fall and Spring semesters with five new artists chosen each residency. Students who are enrolled in High School by the Fall of 2018 and reside in Charlevoix and Emmet County are eligible to apply.

Recipients are awarded dedicated studio space, a stipend for art materials and transportation, and the opportunity to exhibit work in Gallery 151. Through a series of group lectures, visiting artists and studio tours, students will gain exposure within their communities and throughout Northern Michigan.

To apply artists must complete an online application and attend Portfolio Review Day. The studio will determine recipients based upon the creativity and integrity of the individual, the ability to collaborate with other artists, and a strong desire to expand one's artistic practice. Applications must be electronically submitted before midnight on January 6th to be part of the 2019 Spring Artist in Residence Program.

The AIR Program is grateful to be funded in part through a grant from the Charlevoix County Community Foundation's Youth Advisory Committee (YAC).

For more information and to apply visit: [www.letscreatetogether.org](http://www.letscreatetogether.org)

***Create: Community Arts Studio is a nonprofit 501(c)(3) arts and social service organization with a mission of providing arts-based programming to enrich and strengthen the lives of families in northern Michigan. Our vision is to provide time, space and materials in an open studio, allowing children and families to experience free expression and personal growth.***

***The Charlevoix County Community Foundation is a local charitable organization dedicated to enhancing the quality of life for all citizens of Charlevoix County by building permanent endowment, addressing needs through grantmaking, and providing leadership resources to serve the community.***

***More information about Create: Community Arts Studio's A.I.R. Program may be found at [www.letscreatetogether.org](http://www.letscreatetogether.org) or by calling 231-459-4066. More information about the Charlevoix County Community Foundation may be found at [www.c3f.org](http://www.c3f.org) or by calling 231-536-2440***