

## **Call out for Applications for a three-month printmaking residency offered by PressNorth and partnering with Umbrella Studio Contemporary Arts, Townsville, QLD Townsville**

**Residency Planned Dates are: August, Sept, October 2021**

**PressNorth Printmakers** is a not-for-profit artist-run-initiative composed of emerging, mid-career and professional printmakers from Townsville and the surrounding regions. **Umbrella Studio Contemporary Arts** is a professionally-managed members-based contemporary arts organisation, with an annual program of exhibitions, public programs and events, with a Makerspace including printmaking facilities and equipment.

### **Description of residency:**

- The studio residency offers funded access and use of the printmaking facilities at Umbrella studio printmaking area, including the space to plan and to fully develop a project over three months.
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- An exhibition of final work produced during the residency. This work will be exhibited at Umbrella Studio Contemporary Arts in one of their small spaces. Exhibition dates are planned for Oct 15<sup>th</sup> – Nov 21<sup>st</sup>, 2021.
- Access will be available most days of the week, except for Umbrella's occasional fee-paying workshops held there which are usually on weekends. Umbrella, the successful resident and other artists and groups share a bookings calendar for notice of the Makerspace availability .
- Interaction with experienced Umbrella Studio printmakers will be an integral part of the residency bringing a local printmaking community engagement to the artist in residence.
- The artist in residence is expected to supply their own materials and arrange/pay for their own accommodation if necessary.

### **Printmaking facilities:**

- Large studio space where safe housekeeping and non-toxic processes are practiced.
- Large Hilldav etching press,
- Two small A3 etching presses (one geared)
- A large Takach electric Lithographic press and selection of stones.
- Worktables, inking up slabs/benches, plus paper preparation table.
- Edinburgh etch for copper plates and aluminium sulphate etch for aluminium plates are available. Acids may be available - only in consultation with the Makerspace Facilitators.
- A plan drawer will be supplied for storage.
- A good selection of printmaking papers are available for sale by Umbrella
- Screen printing facilities are limited
- Non-toxic aquatinting processes will be demonstrated.

### **Application Requirements:**

- Artist name, address and contact details
- Proposal for residency project including working project title
- Description of the artist's current practice
- Outline of experience in press use and printmaking media, in one or more of the following: including intaglio, lithography, relief or other print media
- The artist in residence will undertake inductions in press use, workplace health and safety requirements (including COVID-safe regulations) and studio maintenance

**Support material:** portfolio of 6 to 10 images of prints completed in the last 2 years

**Brief CV**

**2 letters of support**

**Please forward applications to [pressnorthnq@gmail.com](mailto:pressnorthnq@gmail.com)**

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### **Further information**

**Parking and other amenities nearby:** Umbrella is based on Flinders Street in the heart of Townsville City, and next to a Bus Station. Free City parking during the week is available at Dean Park, which is about a 15minute walk away. Weekend parking is free. Woolworths is close and a good variety of coffee shops and cafes in a lively hub are nearby.