

Park Manager Artist in Residence

About Josephine Sculpture Park

Josephine Sculpture Park (JSP) is the vision of sculptor Melanie VanHouten who serves as director. Originally established in 2009 on 20 acres of reclaimed farmland in Franklin Co., KY, JSP exists as a large earthwork and public sculpture park designed by VanHouten. The park expanded to 30 acres in 2018. It hosts a rotating exhibit of nearly 70 artworks created by artists from across the globe, primarily large-scale outdoor contemporary sculpture and large graffiti murals in the midst of native meadows and natural habitat. Artists included in the exhibition are Chakaia Booker, Peyton Scott Russell, Wayne Potratz, Alison Hiltner, Aaron Dysart, Rollin Marquette, Boaz Vaadia, Kiah Celeste and Heather Hart. JSP provides tours, artist talks, hands-on exhibitions, festivals, conservation walks, theatrical productions, internships and workshops to school children, civic groups, general public and at-risk and developmentally challenged youth and adults across disciplines. JSP offers a free venue for community performing arts, arts education, arts appreciation and cultural enhancement. Artist residency, workshop and exhibition programs support emerging, mid-career and professional artists through unique, supported and equipped non-traditional studio space for large-scale sculpture, murals and community artworks in central KY. JSP is free and open every day of the year from dawn until dusk.

Mission

Our mission is to connect people to each other and the land through the arts. We provide creative arts and nature education to our community and transformative opportunities to artists while conserving the beauty of Kentucky's native, rural landscape.

Our vision is to be a leader in our community that respects and reflects diverse voices and ideas through shared, creative experiences and responsible land stewardship practices.

Our commitments are to support artists, inspire intellectual exploration and expression, build a stronger, healthier community and conserve the beauty of Kentucky's fine natural and cultural heritage through creative, outdoor activities. We are committed to the principles of equity, diversity and inclusion and seek to create a welcoming community for all staff, volunteers, and visitors.

Position Description:

- JSP is committed to the principles of equity, diversity and inclusion and seeks to create a welcoming community for all staff, volunteers, and visitors. People of color are strongly encouraged to apply.
- This position will start June 1, 2021 and end May 31, 2022 with a review to continue.
- This is a part time contractor position requiring approximately 20-25 hours per week.
- It is the responsibility of the Park Manager to track and adhere to hours worked.
- Duties include, but are not limited to, oversight and execution of daily activities of JSP as determined by the Directors. This includes giving tours, sculpture installations/removals, and support of all JSP events and programming.
- Park Manager is responsible for the management of JSP's intern program. Duties of interns include but are not limited to: 1) daily upkeep of JSP grounds, i.e., clearing the paths of debris and ensuring proper drainage, leaf blowing, mowing, weed whacking, and sowing grass seed, 2) sculpture upkeep, i.e., restoration, washing, map updates, printing and replacing signage, and maintenance of the JSP Sculptures in Public Places (River View Park, Arts Downtown and Expre Credit Union), 3) JSP facilities upkeep, i.e., cleaning and organization of studios and

buildings, shared kitchen, bathrooms and shower, and careful use of all buildings and equipment.

- Park Manager will accomplish intern tasks when interns are not present. In general, interns are present mid-May - October.
- Park Manager will maintain the operation and organization of studio and park facilities, tools, and resources. This includes ensuring safe and efficient use of all equipment, tools, and materials by all facility users (interns and artists in residence).
- Park Manager will meet weekly with Directors to determine priorities and any special upcoming tasks/events/programming and to get feedback from Park Manager regarding intern management and any other issues that may arise.
- Duties and responsibilities of the Park Manager will shift seasonally. Generally, the park is more active with events and visitors from May-Oct. During that time, interns will be on site to conduct tasks outlined above. Nov.-Apr. when programming slows down and interns are not on site, the Park Manager will work more closely with Directors to determine and prioritize special projects such as organization of the barn loft or tool crib, repairs to intern residences or tent platforms, and possibly some administrative tasks such as the development of new policies and procedures.
- In addition to the duties listed above, which fulfill the 20-25 hr. weekly workload, the Park Manager is expected to utilize the studio facilities to create their own work and to install at least 1 artwork as part of the JSP Exhibition.
- Additional community engagement opportunities may be considered based on the needs and interest of the Park Manager. Ex. include but are not limited to an artist talk, teaching a workshop or leading a demonstration.

Compensation Description:

- Total value of compensation: \$18,000
 - \$6,000 salary and \$12,000 in kind housing, studio and utilities (electrical, water, sewer, trash, wifi).
 - Private tiny house includes kitchenette, shower, furniture and use of JSP office (separate building) at an estimated value of \$450.00 a month.
 - Free studio space (and use of JSP equipment), consumables and utilities are included with an estimated value of \$550.00 a month.
 - A monthly payment of \$500.00 will be paid at the end of each month.
 - Studio consumables such as welding gases will be included with free studio access. Some materials from the JSP scrap piles will be included.
 - JSP discounts on materials and services will be made available to the Park Manager as available. Any additional specific consumables and materials required for personal sculptural practice will be the responsibility of the Park Manager.
 - Exhibition at JSP of artwork created by the Park Manager while in residence is encouraged.

Eligibility

- Preference will be given to artists who meet any of these criteria:
 - Artist identifies as a person of color
 - Artist identifies as a woman, transgender or gender non-conforming person
- Preference will be given to artists exploring any of these themes:
 - Social justice
 - Racial justice
 - Environmental justice
 - Feminism

- BFA required, MFA preferred in sculpture or related field.
- Extensive studio experience is required, please include a skills list on your resume.
- Applicant must be a U.S. resident or hold valid visa documents.
- Applicant must be active and practicing artist, evident in resume or CV.
- Applicant must be 21 years of age or older during the time of residency.
- Applicant's work must be characterized as one or more of the following: sculpture, three-dimensional installation, multimedia, site-specific, land art, conceptual art, social practice, painting/mural, public art and/or performance art.

Application Procedures:

DEADLINE: February 28, 2021 11:59pm (EST)

Incomplete applications will not be considered.

Please read the job description and eligibility requirements thoroughly.

JSP will only accept applications from U.S. residents and/or applicants who have valid visas.

Salary will be reported for tax purposes via 1099.

TO APPLY:

1. Complete and submit this [APPLICATION FORM](#). JSP staff will match your form to your application pdf once we receive both.
2. Submit the following materials by compiling a single pdf (titled LastName_FirstName) containing the following documents and email that single pdf to: jsp.artists@josephinesculpturepark.org with PARK MANAGER in the subject line of email.

Application Materials:

Create a single pdf containing the following pieces, in this order:

1. **Letter of Interest:** A brief description of your interest in the Josephine Sculpture Park Park Manager position. One-page max.
2. **Artist Statement:** A written description of your artistic practice, philosophy, and/or themes found within your work. One-page max.
3. **10-20 Work Samples:** images or video links of recent work created within the past 3 years. Video files should be no longer than 1 minute. OK to send a link to your website that shows images of your work.
4. **Image Description List:** A numbered list that corresponds to each of the submitted images/links. For each image, include a thumbnail and the title, date, materials and if necessary a two sentence description of the work.
5. **Current Artist Resume or CV:** 5 pages max.
6. **References:** List of 3 references, noting relationship to you. Include email and phone number for each.

If you have questions regarding the Park Manager position, please contact JSP staff at 502-352-7082 or jsp.artists@josephinesculpturepark.org

Artists with families

Partners and children are welcome to visit with selected artists during their residency with prior approval and space permitting. Please contact the JSP Director with any questions regarding family stays prior to application.

Artists with pets

Residents are not allowed to bring pets with them to be in residence. However, JSP is dog friendly and visitors/residents may bring dogs to the park on occasion. They are required to be kept on a leash at all times and are not allowed inside any residence.