INLNA Artist Residency Award Information & Criteria

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The **Icelandic National League of North America Artist Residency Award** was established in 2024 through an agreement between the Stephan G. Stephansson Icelandic Society (SGSIS) and the Icelandic National League of North America (INLNA). The Award is funded by the INLNA and administered by The Buttermaker's House Management Committee.

Applications for the award are open from September 15 to November 30 of each year. Awards will be announced not later than January 30 of the following year, to be used in that calendar year. *Applications for artists-in-residence without support of the INLNA are accepted year round.*

Purpose

The award recognizes the literary importance of Icelandic poet Stephan G. Stephansson and his role in furthering the arts in both Iceland and Canada. It is in keeping with the mission of each organization:

(1) SGSIS's mission to preserve the Heritage of Historic Markerville through the management and maintenance of its facilities and the provision and support of high-quality programming.

(2) The INLNA's mission to sustain the kinship between its Canadian, American, and Icelandic members as well as North Americans interested in Iceland.

Location

The Buttermaker's House is a meticulously restored heritage farmhouse initially built in 1913. It is a Provincially-designated historic resource, fully renovated with new furniture and appliances to maintain a classic aesthetic while providing modern comfort. The house has a bedroom, living room, full kitchen, bathroom, a small studio for working, and larger studio space in the basement. The house sits on a tree-lined lot along the slowly flowing Medicine River in the vibrant and dynamic rural community of Markerville, Alberta. It's an excellent place to rest, reflect, create, and connect.

Amount of Award

Financial support from the INLNA totalling $3,000 will be awarded to up to three artists per year based on their eligibility. The number of awards, the amount of each award, and the length of the stay will be determined based on the applications received. The financial award will be used exclusively for the purpose of supporting artists staying in the Buttermaker's House during an artist residency, including rent, transportation, food and other essentials, and artist's supplies.

Eligibility

- Artists with Icelandic Heritage or artists working on projects relating to, or inspired by Iceland, its people, culture, and/or environment;
- Open to all disciplines of art. Feel free to contact SGSIS with questions about work space;
- Emerging and established artists are encouraged to apply.

Award Allocation

The Award will be allocated based on the following criteria, and as adjudicated by the Buttermaker's House Management Committee:

- Project description from your Buttermaker's House Artist-in-Residence application of cover letter/proposal statement, including any desired community engagement offerings, Curriculum Vitae, support materials
- An additional 150 words or less on the connection of the artist or the project to Iceland.

Short listed candidates may be contacted for an Interview.

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Further information:

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