

APPLICATIONS FOR MASTER ARTIST / APPRENTICE PROGRAM NOW OPEN

NASHVILLE, Tenn. (Aug. 27, 2014) –Tennessee Craft (formerly TACA), in partnership with the Tennessee Arts Commission, is offering an opportunity for emerging makers to learn traditional and contemporary craft skills from master-level craftsmen.

Now entering its sixth year, the 2014-2015 Master Artist/Apprentice Program opens the door for emerging artists to take their craft to the next level using relevant and alternative educational experiences. During a six month, one-on-one mentorship, designed by the master and apprentice, MAAP ensures that the skills and knowledge needed to continue our state's craft heritage live on.

Applications, to be completed together by master and artist, are available until October 31, 2014. After this date a jury panel will select program participants. Each apprentice is invited to find his or her master-level artist by searching our artist directory by medium, name and geographic location.

Apprenticeships will last from December 1 through June 15 with a final exhibit to be held at the Tennessee Arts Commission Gallery.

“Passing down this knowledge will ensure that craft is a continued part of our community,” Teri Alea, executive director of Tennessee Craft said. “Learning these skills allows artists to move to the next step in their career,” she said, “and ultimately we are helping more artists see craft as a viable career path.”

Interested artists are encouraged to review the guidelines and application available on the Tennessee Craft website, www.tennesseecraft.org/programs/maap.

“The MAAP Apprenticeship program was a wonderful experience and pivotal moment in my growth as an artist. The guidance and mentorship I received will always be a building block in my journey as an artist,” Courtney Adair Johnson, previous MAAP apprentice said.

For more information please visit www.tennesseecraft.org/programs/maap.

About Tennessee Craft

The Tennessee Association of Craft Artists (TACA) is now Tennessee Craft. Since 1965 the organization has worked to continue and create Tennessee's fine craft tradition. With more than 600 members throughout the state, Tennessee Craft serves as the premiere connecting point for local, independent makers and their audiences through craft fairs, exhibitions and educational programs.

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