

Gates of the Arctic National Park and Preserve

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2008 Artist In Residence Program

About The Program

The Artist in Residence program offers professional writers, composers, musicians, two and three-dimensional visual artists, photographers, filmmakers, and artisans of all types the opportunity to pursue their art in a premier wilderness setting; Gates of the Arctic National Park and Preserve.

There is one Artist in Residence patrol each year. The selected artist (or artists) accompanies a Park Ranger on a backcountry patrol. Patrols may accommodate the artist to a certain extent, but artists must be both physically fit enough to attempt such a journey and possess the skills and experience for extended, rigorous wilderness travel. The artists provide their own food, art supplies, camping and backpacking gear, and transportation to and from Coldfoot, Alaska. The Park supplies transportation originating and ending in Coldfoot, watercraft and associated equipment for float trips, and bear resistant food containers for all trips. Pets are not allowed.

The artist proposes an art project inspired by their residency that will be donated to the park and to agree to make at least one public presentation about their experience within one year. Contributed works become park property and are placed on public display or performed within the community. Collaborative projects, and programs that coordinate with local schools and organizations are encouraged.

The Selection Process

A jury comprised of the Gates of the Arctic NP&P Chief of Operations and AIR Program Coordinator, and a panel of three local Alaskan artists makes the selection. Selections are based on the demonstrated artistic merits of the applicant(s), on how the proposed art work will represent Gates of the Arctic National Park and Preserve, its wilderness values and on how it will advance the preservation mission of the National Park Service and Gates of the Arctic NP&P.

Selections will be made without regard to race, religion, sex, marital status, or age; however, applicants must possess the ability, skills and experience to fully participate in the Park's backcountry patrols.

For More Information

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