



# Berlin Residency Open Call for Bexar County Artists

Application Period DEC 2, 2019–JAN 31, 2020

Review Period February

Announcement March

Applicant portal: <https://www.anyartist.org/call.cfm?id=2567>

Blue Star Contemporary seeks applications from artists living and working in Bexar County for three-month residencies in Berlin, Germany. We are pleased to continue this program for a fifth year. In partnership with Künstlerhaus Bethanien, BSC awards four artists annually the opportunity to live and conduct their studio practice in one of the world's most significant art centers, Berlin, Germany.

The four residency cycles are: July 15 - October 8; October 15- January 8; January 15 - April 8; April 15 - July 8. **Applicants must be able to attend during any of these time periods. Artists should not apply if their schedule does not allow them the flexibility to attend during any of these time periods and/or for the duration of the residency.**

Blue Star Contemporary offers artists exclusive access to the Künstlerhaus Bethanien's renowned international residency program, where our artists are often the only US representatives. This opportunity is only available to Bexar County artists. Applications are juried by a diverse panel which changes every year. BSC covers costs of all program fees associated with residency: studio and living space, inclusion in the internationally-distributed *BE* magazine, curatorial visits, workshop access, etc., in addition to a travel stipend for airfare. Each selected artist will participate in a public program following the completion of the residency. More information about the Künstlerhaus Bethanien can be found at [www.bethanien.de/en/](http://www.bethanien.de/en/)

Four artists will be selected by a jury to participate in the Blue Star Contemporary Berlin Residency Program, based on their application consisting of a resume/cv, letter of interest, artist statement, letter of recommendation, and portfolio of 20 works. The portfolio of work should consist of works made within the last 5 years.

### **About the Künstlerhaus Bethanien**

A non-profit organization that has earned a worldwide reputation for its international residency studio program, Künstlerhaus Bethanien gives 25 artists from around the world yearlong residencies at their fully-appointed facility in the heart of Berlin's vibrant art scene. It aims to establish a lively dialogue between artists from various backgrounds and disciplines and the public at large. <http://www.bethanien.de/en/>

### **Eligibility:**

- Must currently reside in Bexar County and conduct a significant portion of your artistic practice/outreach in San Antonio.
- Must have at least five years of relevant work experience and/or specialized arts training, such as a degree or certificate.
- Derive a portion of individual earned income from your artistic practice or areas related to the field *or* demonstrate a clear investment of time and resources into your artistic practice.
- Have a professional portfolio that includes publicly displayed and possibly published works.
- Must be able to attend during any of the residency cycle dates.

### **Fees:**

There is a \$5 administrative fee for submitting your application. The fee is paid directly to anyartist.org and is not a fee collected by BSC.

### **Proposal Guidelines:**

- A **current resume/CV** including exhibition record, education/training, professional experience, lectures, publications, etc. and contact information - email, phone number, current physical address and website.
- An **artist statement** describing your practice in general. You may additionally choose to expand on bodies of work submitted as part of your portfolio.
- A **letter of interest** expressing why you believe you should be chosen for the Berlin Residency at Künstlerhaus Bethanien. Why should we send you to Berlin? How do you think the experience will influence your practice? This letter is not a proposal for a specific project, but should clearly articulate how you plan to benefit from the opportunity. The written proposal letter should be between 400-700 words.

- A **20 image portfolio** of your work. Some images may be detail, but must not constitute the majority of the portfolio. The artwork in the portfolio must have been completed within the past five years. Video and sound files are also accepted. Maximum image file size is 5 MB. Maximum video file size is 60 MB. Do not create composite or collage images representing multiple works in one image. Images should be a single photograph/documentation shot.
- A **recommendation letter**. Applicants upload a signed, scanned recommendation letter to Slideroom. BSC admin will call to confirm the letter with recommender. This letter can be from a peer, gallerist, mentor, colleague, etc., recommending you for the residency. Ideally, this individual has known you and your practice over the course of some years. Cannot be written by BSC staff, board members, or review panel member.

**Other important information:**

- Applications will be reviewed in February and winners announced in March.
- Direct questions regarding the application process or the residency to Jacqueline Saragoza McGilvray, Curator and Exhibitions Manager by phone at 210-227-6960 or email at [jack@bluestarcontemporary.org](mailto:jack@bluestarcontemporary.org).

**2019-2020 Resident Artists:** [Brittany Ham](#), [Adam Schreiber](#), [Hiromi Stringer](#), [Jorge Villarreal](#)

**Program Alumni:** Jimmy James Canales, Megan Harrison, Justin Korver, Ryan Takaba, Ethel Shipton, Fernando Andrade, Jared Theis, Andrei Renteria, Anne Wallace, Jesse Amado, Margaret Craig, Joey Fauerso, Leigh Anne Lester, Thomas Cummins, Jennifer Ling Datchuk, Julia Barbosa Landois, Justin Boyd, Chris Sauter, Adriana Corral, Jessica Halonen, Ricky Armendariz, Vincent Valdez, Cathy Cunningham-Little, Karen Mahaffy.

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**Terms and Conditions:** Artist is responsible for keeping his or her passport up to date. Passports are not permitted to expire while you are traveling. For most countries, 90 days is the maximum stay for tourists not requiring a special visa. The artist must arrange his or her own travel. The artist is responsible for his or her own health insurance coverage, including cost and

maintenance of the plan throughout the term of his or her residency. Artist is traveling to Berlin at his or her own risk. BSC recommends Artist seeks travelers insurance for receiving emergency medical care, etc. while abroad. Artist is responsible for his or her own personal expenses while abroad, including food, cell phone coverage, etc. Artist is responsible for all shipment of artwork and supplies to/from the residency. If Artist cannot attend residency during his or her assigned slot, their spot will be forfeited to the runner-up.