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CHEEKWOOD ANNOUNCES OPEN CALL FOR ARTIST-IN-RESIDENCE SERIES

*Nashville art museum is accepting submissions for its four-week
Martin Shallenberger Artist-in-Residence program*

NASHVILLE, Tenn. – For the first time, Cheekwood Estate & Gardens in Nashville will be selecting the Cheekwood Martin Shallenberger Artist-in-Residence (AIR) 2021 artist via an open application process. Eligible artists interested in the four-week residency at the acclaimed historic estate, 55-acre botanical garden and art museum must submit a letter of intent, artist statement, CV and portfolio consisting of 15-20 most recent and representative works to Hannah Morgan at hmorgan@cheekwood.org no later than midnight on October 30, 2021. The recipient will be selected on November 30, 2021.

The AIR series is an initiative focused on bringing innovative, dynamic and intriguing artists to the city of Nashville for a coveted opportunity to produce an interpretive site-specific exhibition at one of the city's leading art institutions. Through the open call, Cheekwood invites US-based artists with a Bachelor of Fine Arts degree to create on the estate for a full month and presents them an opportunity to display their works in an indoor and/or outdoor exhibition.

The 2021 AIR artist will consider how paper has historically and currently been used in celebration of artistic expression through the employment of an infinite number of mediums. Artists are expected to create onsite for their four-week residency in response to the Cheekwood environment. Throughout the residency, the artists will be offered an environment or studio space in which they are able to work. All artist materials will be provided, and artists are expected to interact with the public and partake in scheduled educational programming. Works produced will be installed with the assistance of the Cheekwood curatorial staff. Additionally, the AIR artist will receive an honorarium, housing and meals, and all travel costs for the residency will be covered.

For questions regarding application components or the submission process, please contact Hannah Morgan at hmorgan@cheekwood.org or by calling 615-353-2160. For more information about Cheekwood or the AIR Series, visit www.cheekwood.org.

About Cheekwood

Cheekwood is considered one of the finest American Country Place Era estates in the nation. Formerly the family home of Mabel and Leslie Cheek, the extraordinary 1930s estate, with its 30,000-square-foot Mansion and 55 acres of cultivated gardens and expansive vistas, today serves the public as a botanical garden, arboretum, and museum with period rooms and art galleries, showcasing works from its permanent collection as well as traveling exhibitions. The property includes 13 distinct gardens including the Blevins Japanese Garden and the Bracken Foundation Children's Garden, as well as a 1.5-mile woodland trail featuring modern and contemporary outdoor sculpture. Each year, Cheekwood plays host to seasonal festivals including *Cheekwood in Bloom*, *Summertime at Cheekwood*, *Cheekwood Harvest* and *Holiday LIGHTS*. Cheekwood is listed on the National Register of Historic Places, accredited by the American Alliance of Museums, and is a three-time *USA Today* Top 10 Botanical Garden. In 2020, the grounds were awarded a Level II National Arboretum Accreditation by The ArbNet Arboretum Accreditation Program and The Morton Arboretum. Cheekwood is located just 8 miles southwest of downtown Nashville at 1200 Forrest Park Drive. Daily hours of operation: Tuesday through Sunday 9 a.m. – 5 p.m. Admission to Cheekwood must be purchased in advance at cheekwood.org. For further information, call 615-356-8000 or visit cheekwood.org.

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