

Call for Applications: 2025/26 Gene Zwozdesky Artist in Residence Program

The Faculty of Fine Arts and Communication and the Ukrainian Resource and Development Centre of MacEwan University are announcing a Call for Applications for the 2025/26 *Gene Zwozdesky Artist in Residence* Program.

The program will honour the life of the Ukrainian community leader and arts champion Gene Zwozdesky. With the purpose of inspiring meaningful conversations through interdisciplinarity and diverse media, the Program will broaden MacEwan University's and the wider community's experience and advance Ukrainian arts. Funding has been generously provided by the Ukrainian Foundation for College Education (UFCE) and the Faculty of Fine Arts and Communications.

The residency will be awarded for a period of *up to four months*, starting in September 2025. The residency period will be mutually decided by the artist and the committee.

The discipline for 2025 is Music. Application Deadline: March 31, 2025.

Eligibility criteria:

- The residency is open to artists from Canada and abroad including emerging, midcareer, or established professionals.
- Any artist who identifies as having Ukrainian citizenship, history, or heritage is invited to apply.
- We will accept applications from collectives; however, the grant amount is fixed.
- This year's applications are restricted to those based in Music.

The Artist in Residence will receive the following:

- A grant in the amount of \$15,000, plus the cost of travel and accommodation, to serve as the Gene Zwozdesky Artist in Residence at MacEwan University.
- Access to music facilities within Allard Hall, including two professional recording studios, audio suites, rehearsal rooms, practice rooms, and the 225-seat Betty Andrews Recital Hall. There is also audio/visual support, including video/sound/recording/ projection equipment.
- Research support via the John L.Haar Library on campus
- Support for networking with the local music scene and faculty.
- Support is available for securing accommodation.

Expectations of the Artist-in-Residence:

- Create a project that aligns with one or more of the three majors within the music department: performance, composition, and recording.
- Engage with students and enhance MacEwan curriculum by providing additional opportunities and support to the Music Department.



- Conduct a lecture, workshop, or other public event for students and the wider community.
- Engage with Edmonton and the Ukrainian Canadian community.

An overview of the music department can be found here <u>https://www.macewan.ca/academics/academic-departments/music/</u> A description of our facilities can be found here <u>https://www.macewan.ca/academics/academic-departments/music/music-spaces/</u>

How to apply:

The application materials are submitted via email and should include the following:

- Short biography (250 words)
- Project description (250–500 words)
- Two references
- Artist Statement (250-500 words)
- Curriculum Vitae
- Portfolio or documentation of previous artistic work. Guidelines for portfolio are listed below-

Portfolio:

To support your application, please share 10 to 15 examples of your work in music. You may also include audio/visual files and up to 5 direct links to external websites (Vimeo/YouTube/ personal website etc.) Do not forget to share passwords to preview files when required. Attach a descriptive list of your support material; include creation date, location, etc. Video or audio files should be under 10 minutes long, and all files should be less than 2GB in size.

The choice of music artist will be made by a selection committee made up of university and community stakeholders. We will only contact successful candidates. Unfortunately, we are not able to provide feedback on applications.

For further inquiries, please contact: URDC@macewan.ca

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