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UNIVERSITY MUSICAL SOCIETY SUPPORTS LOCAL ARTISTS THROUGH NEW ARTISTIC RESIDENCY PROGRAM

ANN ARBOR, MI (August 14, 2014) —The **University Musical Society (UMS)** proudly launches **UMS Artists in “Residence” Program**, whereby four artists (including visual, literary, and performing artists) will be selected to take “residence” at UMS performances, using these experiences as a resource to support the creation of new work or to fuel an artistic journey. Residents will receive complimentary tickets to select UMS performances; a \$250 stipend; gatherings with fellow residents; and behind-the-scenes access to UMS staff and artists, when available. In return, UMS asks that artists share their artistic journeys via residency entrance and exit interviews; participate in select UMS Education & Community Engagement events; and share artistic work generated during the residency at the UMS 15-16 Season Announcement Party in late April 2015. Rights to all artistic work produced as a result of the residency will remain entirely with the artists.

“While UMS brings incredible performing artists from around the globe to Ann Arbor, we’re also deeply committed to the creative community right here in Michigan,” said Ken Fischer, UMS President. “UMS Artists in ‘Residence’ ensures that artists creating work right here in our own backyard have access to everything they need to inspire, fuel, and inform their projects. Artists play a vital role in our communities — they inspire us, they challenge us, they provide alternate perspectives. We’re just doing our part to ensure that Ann Arbor and Southeast Michigan continues to be a place where artists are supported and can happily call home.”

APPLICATION DETAILS

Applicants should be at least 18 years of age and should be local enough to attend 4-5 UMS performances and related gatherings from October 2014 – April 2015. Applicants will be asked to provide a statement of intent, a 1-2 page CV, and a portfolio using the UMS Artists in Residence Application form and guidelines at umslobby.org. **Deadline for application: Friday, September 12, 2014.**

The University Musical Society is an independent non-profit affiliated with the University of Michigan, presenting over 70 music, theater, and dance performances by professional touring artists each season. One of the oldest performing arts presenters in the country, UMS is committed to connecting audiences with performing artists from around the world in uncommon and engaging experiences. With a program steeped in music, dance, and theater, UMS contributes to a vibrant cultural community by presenting approximately 60-75 performances and over 100 free educational activities each season. UMS also commissions new work, sponsors artist residencies, and organizes collaborative projects with local, national, and international partners.

For more information, please visit ums.org or umslobby.org.

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