



Robert Rauschenberg Foundation
381 Lafayette Street
New York, New York 10003

Robert Rauschenberg Foundation Announces Open Application for Chef-in-Residence Program on Captiva Island, Florida

Annual Chef-in-Residence program integrates culinary arts with strong focus on environmental conservation; Deadline for applications: August 1, 2016

July 19, 2016 (New York, NY) — The Robert Rauschenberg Foundation has announced a new Chef-in-Residence program at its artists' residency on Captiva Island, Florida.

The goal of the Chef-in-Residence (CIR) program is to integrate the culinary arts as a creative discipline into the artist residency program, provide more healthful meals for the artists-in-residence, and implement sustainable food practices. As part of this program, the Foundation will work with each CIR to make the Rauschenberg Residency self-sustaining in terms of growing the fruits, vegetables, and herbs needed to serve over 600 resident meals annually.

The Chef-in-Residence program aligns with the Foundation's focus on environmental conservation and stewardship, stemming from Rauschenberg's own longstanding commitment to the environment and to Captiva Island — where he lived and worked for 40 years — as well as his keen interest and aptitude in the kitchen.

The Foundation engaged Heather Carlucci, a NYC-based chef and former restaurateur, to pilot this concept earlier this year. Ms. Carlucci worked at the residency for three months, cooking daily meals for the artists and developing an outline for the program.

In April 2016, Shuna Lydon became the first Chef-in-Residence. Based in Brooklyn, Ms. Lydon has been cooking and baking for more than two decades, working in such notable kitchens as Gramercy Tavern, the French Laundry, Aziza, The Modern Pantry, and Bakeri. During her residency, which extends



through 2016, Ms. Lydon will implement sustainable practices — purchasing only locally grown produce, locally sourced seafood and meats, and organic products — and demonstrate a commitment to zero waste with emphasis on recycling, composting, and bulk purchasing. She will continue to reach out to local and regional farmers and purveyors, forming relationships, cementing partnerships, and building excitement for the program and its potential, both regionally and nationally. Additionally, Ms. Lydon's collaborations with the artists-in-residence, most notably through pastry-making workshops, provide a rich opportunity for creative engagement.

"Providing meals for the artists-in-residence has been a hallmark of the program since its inception," said Ann Brady, Residency Director, "with the intent of facilitating conversation, nurturing relationships, and building community. The CIR program takes it to the next level — recognizing the chef as a creative partner in the residency experience, where the process of creating is as meaningful as the final product, and collaboration is inherent."

Applications for the 2017 Chef-in-Residence are being accepted now through August 1, 2016. Chefs from all over the world and at all stages of their careers are encouraged to apply for this distinct opportunity to participate in an active artist community while also pursuing their own culinary interests and research. The CIR can hold community workshops, cooking classes for the residents, and design additional growing opportunities on the property. She/he will have time for personal creative exploration in a unique habitat with local resources — such as working on new recipes, writing a cookbook, experimenting with ingredients, and so on.

For more information about the position and the application process, please visit: <http://www.rauschenbergfoundation.org/residency/chef-residence>



About the Rauschenberg Residency

Inspired by Rauschenberg's early years at Black Mountain, the Rauschenberg Residency — located at the artist's former home and studio in Captiva Island, Florida — advances new work, extends practices into new mediums, and serves as a research and development lab for performance-based projects. The Residency encourages the ideal that artistic practice advances mutual understanding and engenders a focus on the conservation of a sensitive and pristine environment. <http://www.rauschenbergfoundation.org/residency>

About the Robert Rauschenberg Foundation

The Robert Rauschenberg Foundation fosters the legacy of the life, artistic practice, and activist philosophy of one of the most important artists of the 20th century. Through exhibitions, scholarship, grants, and a residency program, the Foundation furthers Rauschenberg's belief that art can change the world, while ensuring that his singular achievements and contributions continue to have global impact and resonance with contemporary artists.

Media Contact:

FITZ & CO, Liza Eliano, leliano@fitzandco.com, +1-646-589-0912