

Call for nominations Artist residency – Summer 2026

Context/Description

The City of Joliette recognizes that artists and cultural workers play an important role in its cultural presence. Recognition, development and support in their professional practice demonstrate its interest and willingness to preserve what is acquired and develop new cultural initiatives. For these reasons, an artist residency program was implemented in 2013, in collaboration with *Festival Mémoire et Racines*.

The artist in residency will be able to dedicate a month to research and musical experimentation while experiencing a true immersion in the culture of Joliette. To enhance the experience, a pairing with a Lanaudière artist will be provided.

During their residency, the artist will be invited to attend various cultural activities mentioned below and to participate as a musician. In direct contact with the work of Lanaudière creators, they will discover the heart of Quebec's traditional music.

Who can submit an application?

The call for nominations is open to all artists residing outside the Lanaudière area (Québec, Canada and International) who has a traditional music practice. Candidates must be interested in teamwork and cultural mediation.

Remuneration and living expenses attributed to the artist

\$ 2 000 for one month, including his attendance to the cultural mediation workshop and musical performances.

Travel costs \$ 1 500 maximum depending on the artist's place of residence.



Other services offered to the artist

- Living accommodation
- Place to work
- Access to the municipal's library, pool and possibility to rent kayak
- Access to events happening in Joliette
- Access pass to the Festival Mémoire et Racines.

Artist's commitment

- Responsible for his own modes of transportation during his stay
- Bring his own personal computer (if necessary)
- A minimum of 15 hours cultural mediation workshops to the community
- Participate to various musical events
- Offer several musical performances, in particular in relation to the programming of the *Festival Mémoire et Racines*
- While performing, make mention of the Artist residency program offered by the City of Joliette

and Festival Mémoire et Racines

- Fill an evaluation of the program at the end of the residency
- Participate in the filming of a promotional video for the program.

Date of the residency

The artist must be available and present in Joliette during the week. The residency has a duration of 30 days during the 2026 summer between the months of July and August (dates to be confirmed with the artist). The artist must be present during the Festival Mémoire et Racines, which will take place at the end of July 2026.

Submission of an application

If interested, the artist must submit an application, including :

- A curriculum vitae
- A text describing the project on which the artist wishes to work during his residency (500 words maximum)
- A photo of the artist
- A press review (if applicable).

The application can be submitted either in French or in English.

**Requests can be sent by mail or email :**

By mail :

Call for nominations Artist residency 2026
Service des Loisirs et de la culture
Pavillon Gilles-Beaudry
102 Fabre street
Joliette (Québec)
J6E 9E3

By email :

marianne.boulanger@ville.joliette.qc.ca

The requestor is responsible to follow up for acknowledgement of receipt. Considering some electronic messages can be bulky, it is highly recommended to use the free service « WeTransfer ».

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Deadline

Artists have until October 19th 2025 to submit their applications. All application received after this date will not be considered.

Requests review

A selection committee composed of people representing the milieu of traditional music as well as from the City of Joliette will meet in order to review the applications received.

Questions

For more information, please contact :

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This program is offered thanks to the cultural policy of the City of Joliette, in collaboration with *Festival Mémoire et Racines*.