



Santa Fe Art Institute

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GULF COAST ARTISTS GET HELP/ASSISTANCE FROM SANTA FE ART INSTITUTE

In response to the devastation left in the wake of hurricane Katrina, the Santa Fe Art Institute announced today that it has reestablished its Emergency Respite Residency for Gulf Coast artists. The Institute is ready to make available its facility in Santa Fe for artists, writers and crafts people who lost homes, studios, art work, jobs. The program will provide living space, studios, basic foods and some transportation support to artists whose lives were compromised by the hurricane. Each residency lasts from one to three months with space for 4-6 artists at a time.

The Institute's first Emergency Respite Residency was created immediately after 9/11 for New York artists and more than 130 painters, sculptors, photographers, environmental artists, filmmakers and writers came to Santa Fe. The emergency residency, the only program of its kind in the nation to respond to 9/11, gave these artists who lived and/or worked in the shadow of the World Trade Center an opportunity to recover from the trauma.

In making the announcement, Director Diane Karp commented, "The Institute is a hands-on institution and one of its great strengths is its ability to respond quickly to challenges such as hurricane Katrina. We offer an environment that supports discourse, discovery and individual talent with creative alternatives not often available in traditional arts programs," she said. "Artists who came after 9/11 were so grateful to discover New Mexico's extraordinary landscape, the multicultural Santa Fe community and the Institute's wonderful facilities. Their presence in Santa Fe had a profound effect on us all. We have already begun to receive inquiries from Gulf Coast artists," she concluded.

Support for this initiative has been given by the Pollock-Krasner Foundation, the Department of Cultural Affairs, State of New Mexico and others throughout the country. Artists wishing to come to Santa Fe and individuals wishing to contribute to this program can contact The Santa Fe Art Institute, telephone 505 424 5050, or by email: dkarp@sfai.org. Residencies can begin immediately, download application at www.sfai.org.