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From Germany to Upstate: salem2salem International Artist Exchange Comes to Salem

Salem, NY- Rural Washington County is home to picturesque views, quiet agricultural communities, and, in August, a group of over twenty artists from around the world working together in a cross cultural community atmosphere to expand and experiment within their disciplines.

2013 marks the fourth year of the salem2salem exchange, with artists from Germany, Australia, Switzerland, and the United States converging in alternating years in Salem, Germany, and Salem Art Works in Salem, New York. This year, thanks to a \$20,000 donation from The Carris Foundation and €15,000 in funding from the European organization Oberschwäbische Elektrizitätswerke, or O.E.W., the exchange takes place at Salem Art Works August 8th – 28th.

While salem2salem has no prescribed theme, the goal is to allow artists to experience varied cultures, environments, and thought processes to help expand their work. The rural town of Salem, with its rich history of agriculture and strong arts community, will serve once more as a perfect base for these artists to not only experience the beauty of the area but will also serve as inspiration for new work.

During the residency Salem Art Works will coordinate day trips for the artists to many area attractions, including The Hyde Collection, The Georgi, The Washington County Fair, The Tang Museum, and local music venues to further expose visiting artists to all that the area has to offer.

The salem2salem artists will also be giving back to the local community in a variety of ways during their residency, including holding open musical performances and jam sessions at the Salem Tavern on Monday evenings. All local musicians are invited to come and participate. Salem Art Works will also host an International Iron Pour and Open Studio Exhibition on August 24th, giving the public the opportunity to watch the visiting international artists produce original work in cast iron and view their complete and in-progress work within studio spaces.

For more information on the Iron Pour, Open Studio Exhibition, or salem2salem program, please call the Salem Art Works office at 518-854-7674 or e-mail at info@salemartworks.com.

For more information:

The Carris Foundation:

<http://companies.findthecompany.com//9505762/Carris-Corporate-Foundation-in-Proctor-VT>

OEW :

http://de.wikipedia.org/wiki/Zweckverband_Oberschw%C3%A4bische_Elektrizit%C3%A4tswerke

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