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## **Application Available for Wake County Visiting Artist Program**

[Raleigh, NC]—United Arts Council of Raleigh & Wake County (N.C.) announces the opening of the application process for the position of Wake County Visiting Artist for 2018. Applications for the position are due November 3, 2017. The Visiting Artist 2018 will feature a background in technical theater design. The application process is open to all designers who meet the guideline criteria.

“United Arts is excited to bring in an innovative visiting artist to work with local theaters, schools and other presenters. Through this collaboration, we intend for the Wake County Visiting Artist Program to make theater arts more accessible to the community as a whole. We think this will be a wonderful opportunity to add to the creativity and energy that already exist in Raleigh and Wake County,” said Eleanor H. Oakley, President and CEO of United Arts Council.

### **Program Mission**

The mission of the Wake County Visiting Artist program is to enrich the lives of Wake County residents.

### **Program Goals and Overview**

The Wake County Visiting Artist program is dedicated to bringing art to the community, enriching the lives of all our citizens. One artist, from a different discipline each year, is invited to reside and work in Raleigh/Wake County. This artist will make a significant contribution to the artistic landscape through creative, skillful collaboration on productions by local arts and cultural agencies. In addition, the artist will interact with the community through workshops, classes, and presentations and (when appropriate) exhibitions. United Arts will facilitate a collaborative relationship between the visiting artist and the local arts community to meet program expectations (see below). United Arts will provide support to the visiting artist for scheduling events and engagements.

### **Program Expectations 2018**

In 2018, the Visiting Artist will offer the following activities in Wake County in consultation with United Arts:

- Provide original designs for a minimum of six (6) local stage productions through creative collaboration and participation in productions by professional and community theater groups.
- Teach at least four classes/workshops open to the public
- Propose and execute a minimum of four (4) original activities to bring attention to stage and performance design in less traditional settings (festivals, banquets, pageants, etc.)
- Make public presentations where appropriate
- Suggest future projects to inspire public engagement and support of theater arts
- Provide other instructional opportunities when available

See [Wake County Visiting Artist program web site](#) for full guidelines and application.

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*The United Arts Council of Raleigh and Wake County, based in Raleigh, NC, was incorporated in 1990, with a mission to build better communities through the support and advocacy of the arts. For the 2017/18 school year, United Arts will help place teaching artists to 140 schools in Wake County through its Artists in Schools program. The United Arts Council also offers grants to organizations, communities and individual artists and provides services to the community such as advocacy, resource development, professional/leadership development and special projects. The grants, programs and services of United Arts reach over 1.2 million people annually in Wake County.*

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