



TAO ARTIST APPLICATION

Thank you very much for contacting us about working with Tidewater Arts Outreach (TAO).

TAO's Mission

TRAINING • ADVOCACY • OUTREACH

The mission of Tidewater Arts Outreach is to uplift the human spirit by bringing live, quality music and arts experiences to people in Hampton Roads who are in homes, hospitals, shelters, facilities and dependent care programs or otherwise are isolated from society.

TAO Programs

Most TAO Programs run for 50 minutes, Visual Art programs are 75 minutes. We ask that all programs have, at a minimum, a 70-to-30 ratio of performance-to-discussion and interaction. As an artist, this gives you a chance to not only perform, but to tell the audience a bit about yourself, to introduce your art form in greater depth, to encourage participation, and to involve participants in creative ways. TAO artists encourage singing, dancing, reminiscing out loud, two-way conversation about the music, the art, the era and/or other topics.

Stipends

TAO is able to provide modest program stipends as a "Thank-you" to our supporting artists, however many Artists choose to donate their Stipends back to TAO to support TAO's mission. Our current stipend structure:

Number of Presenters	Stipend Amount
One Presenter	\$60.00
Two Presenters	\$90.00
Three or More Presenters	\$120.00
Visual Art Programs	\$75.00

Other things you should know:

- TAO Programs are scheduled 4-8 weeks ahead. We rely on your commitment to the date(s) you have confirmed with us.
- Many music programs are a mix of new and familiar songs, to encourage different types of mental and creative stimulation. New material should be easily accessible to a broad population.
- Visual Arts programs, when planning for a specific location, may need to be adapted to best fit the client's needs and abilities, (i.e. simplifying steps, process and adapting tools as needed).
- Create a program that combines performance-oriented art with hands-on experience to increase engagement.
- We're always happy to discuss new program ideas and provide support for your program development.

Please complete the following information:

ARTIST NAME: _____ **CONTACT:** _____

ADDRESS: _____ **CITY:** _____ **ZIP CODE:** _____

EMAIL: _____ **PHONE:** _____

WEBSITE: _____ **FACEBOOK:** _____

ARTISTIC DISCIPLINE: *Check all that Apply:* _____ Music _____ Visual Art _____ Poetry _____ Dance _____ Songwriting _____ Other: _____

ENGAGING TAO PROGRAM IDEA: _____

AVAILABILITY: *Check all that Apply:* _____ Newport News _____ Hampton _____ Norfolk _____ Portsmouth _____ Suffolk _____ Chesapeake _____ Virginia Beach

Weekdays: _____ Morning _____ Evenings _____ Weekends: _____ Morning _____ Evenings

REFERENCES: Name: _____ Phone #: _____

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Please Submit, Fax, Email or Mail your TAO Artist Application to:

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