



The Crooked Road Artist-In-Residence 2021 Program Overview

Artist-In-Residence Introduction

The Crooked Road would like to offer heritage musicians living in the 19 county and 4 town region of Southwest Virginia the opportunity to apply for a new Artist-In-Residence program.

The selected artist would serve as ambassador for The Crooked Road in the following capacity:

- Produce an original piece of music or new interpretation of an existing traditional piece of music for The Crooked Road use
- Conduct at least 2 in-person educational workshop/master classes over the course of the residency
- Prerecord a virtual lesson on heritage music for distribution to school systems of the region
- Participate in various Crooked Road concerts, as scheduled, or at partner venue concerts

Eligibility

Musicians that live in The Crooked Road service region of Southwest Virginia and play heritage genre music are encouraged to apply. Our goal is for these artists to share their artistic inspiration and knowledge of heritage music as they represent The Crooked Road and Southwest Virginia. The Crooked Road service region encompasses the following counties and cities of the Southwest Virginia region: Bland, Bristol, Buchanan, Carroll, Dickenson, Floyd, Franklin, Galax, Giles, Grayson, Lee, Montgomery, Norton, Patrick, Pulaski, Radford, Russell, Scott, Smyth, Tazewell, Washington, Wise, Wythe.

Expectations

The Artist-in-Residence program requires the selected artist to donate an original piece of music, representative of the artist's style and reflecting the heritage music of the SWVA region within the twelve-month duration of the residency. This piece of music can also be an original performance of an existing traditional public domain piece. This music would need to be completed by the end of the residency.

Artists would be available for approximately one TCR event or related-event per month as well as participation in select educational initiatives including short pre-recorded lessons for educators. Event participation will be scheduled per artist availability in conjunction with The Crooked Road to provide flexibility for working musicians. As this is a new program, input regarding the residency and the selection of the next Artist-In-Residence would be expected.

Artists must provide their own instruments during their residency.

Dates for the Residency

July 1, 2021 – June 30, 2022

Compensation

\$6,000 stipend for the 12 month period paid at \$500 per month, plus eligible reimbursable travel expenses (those that occur to/from TCR-directed events) such as mileage and daily meal allowance. Mileage reimbursement will be paid at the federal rate and the daily meal allowance will be \$25.

Application and Selection Process

Applications for the 2021 Artist-in-Residence program will be available April 19, 2021. **The deadline for applications will be May 15, 2021.** All materials need to be emailed or postmarked by this date.

Applications and appropriate examples of recent work, per the application, can be submitted via email or mail submitted by email or mail to the following addresses:

Email: admin@thecrookedroad.org

Mail:

The Crooked Road
Attn: Admin
1 Heartwood Circle
Abingdon, VA 24210

The selection process will begin on May 16, 2021. Artist applications will be reviewed by a committee of TCR Board of Directors members and others with relevant knowledge about heritage music. Select residency candidates will undergo an interview as a second step and then the final selected musician will be notified by June 15, 2021.

Questions about this application?

Please email Carrie Beck, Executive Director, at cbeck@thecrookedroad.org for questions.

About The Crooked Road:

- Founded in 2004 and designated as Virginia's Heritage Music Trail by the State of Virginia
- 330 mile music trail based in SWVA on Rte. 58 and the communities it runs through
- Includes 19 counties, 4 cities, over 50 towns, 5 regional planning districts, various tourism organizations, 9 major venues & over 60 affiliated venues and festivals

What does The Crooked Road do?

- TCR focuses on traditional heritage music such as bluegrass and old time music. This includes youth music education, promotion of heritage music and artists from the region and preservation of the history of the region's unique heritage music.
- TCR works with local governments, community leaders, venues and tourism organization to market the music of the region to encourage visitation and increase economic impact

Mission Statement

As the designated trail for the growth of heritage music and music enthusiasts, The Crooked Road is Virginia's beacon for heritage music, engaging musicians, tradition-keepers, their communities and audiences from around the world to share, inspire, and celebrate the cultural heritage while positively impacting the local economies in Southwest Virginia.

Vision

The Crooked Road celebrates and develops appreciation of heritage music through music experiences.



The Crooked Road

Artist-In-Residence 2021

Application

Application Deadline: May 15, 2021

Name: _____

Address: _____

Telephone: _____ Cell Phone: _____

E-mail: _____ Website or Facebook Page: _____

Genre: _____

Primary Instrument: _____

Are you currently affiliated with a band? YES or NO

If so, what band? _____

Heritage Music Background/Experience:

What interests you in being an Artist-In-Residence:

If more space is needed, please feel free to type up your answers separately for submission.

Please enclose appropriate examples of recent work, such as: digital email attachments or copy of a CD or DVD for video or music. Copies of sample CD/DVDs will not be returned, or links to youtube or performances that occurred between January 1, 2020 and April 15, 2021.

Additional Recommendations: The artist will preferably include a brief written recommendation(s) from a professional in his/her field who is familiar with his/her knowledge of heritage music.

By signing this application, musician acknowledges and agrees to the outlined expectations, term and compensation.

Applicant Signature: _____ Date: _____