

## **Mentoring Artists for Women's Art (MAWA) – approved Sept. 1, 2011**

### **Artist in Residence**

#### **Policy**

MAWA may offer its loft-style apartment to women visual artists for residencies of varying durations. Women artists can use this space and time for research, reflection, networking and/or production. MAWA hopes to increase dialogue between our geographical community—Winnipeg—and the art world beyond; to create networking opportunities for women artists; and to provide an oasis in which women artists can do whatever they need to do in order to move their practices forward.

#### **Procedures**

MAWA will provide free accommodation for the resident artist. While at MAWA, the artist may be asked to present her work in some public forum (a screening, talk, performance, showcase of work-in-progress, etc.) in exchange for an artist fee.

MAWA's apartment is a clean space that is not conducive for painting and many forms of sculpture. However, MAWA staff may work with an artist and other Winnipeg art centres to secure access to other facilities and resources as needed. These can include a rough studio; printmaking, video and darkroom facilities; and/or introductions to likeminded artists and curators.

Use of the apartment is generally determined by an application process, adjudicated by MAWA staff and up to 3 members of the Programming Committee, the Board of Directors and/or the community at large. Artists at all stages of their careers are encouraged to apply. Equal consideration is given to emerging and established artists. Rural Manitoba artists are especially encouraged to apply.

Applications should include:

- a cover letter saying why the artist would like time in the MAWA apartment (goals, rationale)
- a detailed description of what is needed (access to other facilities or equipment)
- first choice of preferred dates; second choice of preferred dates (including start and end dates)
- an artist's c.v.
- up to 20 images on CD or two videos on DVD, or up to 20 emailed Jpgs and 2 Quicktime videos (note, videos may not be watched in their entirety)
- a stamped, self-addressed envelope for the return of materials if applicable