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New Westminster seeks accommodation for international artists

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The City of New Westminster is calling on local residents to offer up a place to stay for a small group of international artists next year.

As part of the Vancouver Biennale art exhibition in 2014-2015, 60 artists from around the world will be invited to live and work in the Lower Mainland for a four-to-six-week period.

New Westminster city council, on the recommendation of the city advisory committee, suggested this hosting arrangement might be a good way for the Royal City to get involved with the arts event.

The ideal host would be a resident or developer who would be willing to offer up a large house, loft, studio, condo or other type of accommodation for between three and five artists in 2014 as part of the artist-in-residence program.

"This is a unique opportunity for the local arts community, as well as residents and art aficionados in the city, to take part in an innovative and collaborative hosting program" said Greg Magirescu, the city's manager of arts and cultural development, in a press release.

The Biennale organizers will cover the costs for the artists' stay, which means there will be no cost to the local host.

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