



The
Robert
McLaughlin
Gallery

Dear Artists and RMG Community,

We recently received a lot of feedback regarding our 2022 RBC Emerging Artist Residency program call.

We would like to thank everyone for their comments. We take feedback from artists seriously and appreciate you taking the time to share your concerns with us.

The RMG acknowledges that the term "emerging" can apply to artists of any age. For this specific program, emerging applies to artists under the age of 35. The age restriction for this residency is informed by the funding received through the RBC Emerging Artist Project. It is specifically geared towards artists in a younger age range who are at an early stage in their career and intend on pursuing a full-time, professional career as an artist. Since launching the program, we have been able to offer three, very successful, residency program cycles and help support seven young artists in their career. This funding enables us to provide this type of paid residency opportunity.

We understand that the age restriction limits who is able to access this opportunity, and hear the desire for similar opportunities open to all ages.

The RMG regularly works with our community to support artists through exhibitions, community partnerships, and paid opportunities to lead programming or education as an artist instructor/facilitator. We also host exhibitions for local arts organizations, clubs, community groups, as well as college and university art programs. We offer an ongoing series of professional development workshops for artists that are free to attend. While we always wish we could do more we are, as many arts organizations, limited by funding, capacity, and physical space.

We always welcome feedback from our community. Please feel free to get in touch with us at communications@rmg.on.ca if there is anything you'd like to share with us or if you would like to continue the conversation.

Warm Regards,

The RMG Team