



Fort Point Arts Free Workspace Program

Who are you Fort Point Arts?

Fort Point is home to over 300 artists who produce work in a wide array of media. It is recognized as one of New England's largest artists' communities. The historic warehouse buildings of Fort Point house painters, photographers, sculptors, designers, ceramicists, performance artists, jewelers, book artists, digital media artists, and more.

Fort Point Arts was formed in 1980 by neighborhood artists to advocate on their behalf and to help them secure affordable live/work studio space in Fort Point during a period of rapid development and displacement. Having achieved 3 artist-owned studio buildings in the neighborhood, Fort Point Arts continues to advocate for affordable artist housing in developments throughout Boston and has grown to encompass thriving public art and corporate art lending programs, Fort Point Open Studios, two galleries, and the Assemblage Art Space.

Fort Point Arts is committed to creating and supporting programs and policies that reflect the full breadth of American society. Our community prospectively embraces differences in gender expression and identity, age, culture, ethnicity, race, sexual orientation, physical ability, learning style, religion, occupation, nationality, immigration status, socio-economic status, and the many forms of composite subjectivity and life experience that span these differences.

Can I join Fort Point Arts if I don't live in Fort Point?

Residence in Fort Point isn't required to participate in our programs! All New England based artists are invited to join. [Membership](#) is \$100 per year or \$50 per year for current students or recent graduates.

What kind of space is it?

[The Assemblage Art Space](#) is a 1200 sf gallery, performance, and meeting space located in the NW corner of the Envoy Hotel. It is on a public plaza with floor to ceiling windows on 2 sides and frequent passers-by. The Assemblage is a Ch.91 publicly accessible space, which means that it is meant to increase the public's access to and enjoyment of the Boston Waterfront.

The Assemblage hosts 6 exhibitions per year, winter pop-up shops, theater, music, dance, and spoken word performances, public meetings, and arts events. Fort Point Arts partners with a variety of organizations to produce high-quality arts and culture programs aimed at inviting the public to enjoy the Boston Waterfront.

Why is the space available?



The pandemic threw a wrench in our plans and delayed our exhibition schedule until 2021. Our public events and programs have also been postponed. As part of our mission to support artists in Boston, we are offering the space to creatives who need room for writing, artistic work, rehearsals, lessons, workshops, classes, etc.

There is currently a capacity limit of 11 people TOTAL in the space

Why offer it for free?

Our board unanimously adopted our [Statement on Cultural Diversity and Equity](#) in July, 2020. The statement includes:

*"**Work Space:** equitable access to affordable workspace for artists and creatives is essential. While often both are provided as live-work studios, developing access to dedicated work space where art is made is a key component of building a vibrant and culturally diverse arts."*

We feel that opening the space to artists and creatives who need it in times of crisis is the best way to support the creative community with the tools we have at hand.

What are the rules?

First and foremost are covid-related restrictions that include mask wearing, social distancing, cleaning and sanitizing the space and furniture you use, and submitting the info of anyone who visits the space with you (for contact tracing). The current maximum capacity is 11 people.

Other parameters include a "leave no trace" mentality. We are offering the space to a wide variety of folks with very different needs, so everyone will have to put away their workspace daily. We currently have no storage on-site.

In short, remember it's a SHARED space, so we anticipate that everyone will treat the space and each other respectfully.

How do I reserve time at the Assemblage?

Please complete the [sign-up form](#) by Thursday, September 17 at 11:59 p.m. Be specific on what you need the space for, how many hours you need, etc.

After we have heard from everyone, we will work to create a schedule that fits all of our needs. We will contact you if we have questions about flexibility of scheduling.

What if I'm no longer interested?



Please let us know. We won't be offended!

Questions?

For more information about the annual meeting or joining the FPAC board, email Kelly Pedersen at Kelly@fortpointarts.org