
★ ★ THE WORK OFFICE ★ ★

The Work Office (TWO) is now hiring, in partnership with the Bronx River Art Center!

As part of the “Shifting Communities” exhibition series at the Bronx River Art Center (BRAC) gallery, TWO is hiring artists and others to create and present assignments with a focus on the Bronx, NY. Applications for TWO employment are being accepted through **January 24, 2012**. Visit www.theworkoffice.com or BRAC to apply.

The Work Office (TWO) is a multidisciplinary art project disguised as an employment agency. Informed by the Works Progress Administration (WPA) of the Great Depression in the 1930s, TWO is a gesture to “make work” for visual and performing artists, writers, and others by giving them simple, idea-based assignments that explore, document, and improve daily life in New York City. From a temporary, publicly accessible office installed at BRAC, TWO's administrators will hire employees, exhibit work, and distribute Depression-era wages of \$23.50 at a Payday Party on February 10.

TWO is accepting applications for assignments that can be presented at BRAC's gallery. The proposals should explore the relationship between art and civic life and respond to the unique history and/or nature of the Bronx through one of the following TWO assignments:

- ★ build a bridge
- ★ record an oral history with someone who lives or works in the Bronx
- ★ catalog WPA structures in NY
- ★ document a need for repairs
- ★ make a regional travel guide for a place, neighborhood, or phenomenon in the Bronx
- ★ reinterpret a newspaper photo
- ★ design a poster to promote something
- ★ make a mixed CD related to places, people, or experiences in the Bronx
- ★ give a concert for a plant
- ★ start an American tradition
- ★ assign yourself

Applications and instructions are available on TWO's website (www.theworkoffice.com) and at BRAC's gallery during the exhibition opening on January 20 and open gallery hours. A TWO administrator will contact and interview those with applications of interest by January 26. Interviews will take place on January 27 and 28. Applications are evaluated based on the strength and clarity of the proposed response to one of our assignments, its relationship to the Bronx, and the practicality of realizing it within a week.

Hired employees must be able to complete their assignments during the workweek of February 2–8, drop off work at the BRAC gallery on February 9, and attend a public Payday Party on the evening of Friday, February 10. At the Payday Party, artist/employees will collect their workweek wage of \$23.50 for their completed assignment, the same weekly wage that artists received in the Federal One Project (the arts division of the WPA). The public will be invited to view the week's works and learn about the project. Completed assignments will be publicly exhibited at BRAC's gallery throughout the week of February 11–18 and on TWO's website.

Applications must be submitted by **11:59 PM, January 24**.

Questions? Write TWO at: apply@theworkoffice.com.
For more information about TWO, visit: www.theworkoffice.com.

BRAC's gallery is temporarily located @ Bronx Art Space
305 East 140th St. #1A, Bronx, NY 10454
For more information about BRAC, visit: www.bronxriverart.org.

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January 20–February 18, 2012: Bronx River Art Center, Bronx, NY office@theworkoffice.com 347 875 7583

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Application

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Name:

Address:

street

city

state

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Phone:

work

home

mobile

Email:

What media do you work in? Check all that apply:

painting

drawing

video

music

photography

sculpture

performance

writing

other (please explain)

Reason for seeking work:

Which assignments are you interested in? (See Page 2)

Please describe your proposal for this assignment (100 words or less)

We require documentation of your project for our website. Will you be able to provide this?

Have you read and understood the parameters for presenting your project at the Bronx River Art Center as detailed in the call for applications (cover page)?

Are you available for an in-person interview January 27 or 28?

At TWO, deadlines are important. Would you be able to complete your assignment during the week of February 2–8, drop off your assignment February 9, and attend the Payday Party on February 10?

Do you have any ideas for assignments?

How did you hear about TWO?

Reference with relationship & contact information:

Please complete both pages and email to apply@theworkoffice.com. PDF instructions are on the APPLY page of our website.

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Assignments

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Choose an assignment listed below. All assignments must involve some physical record or documentation to be turned into The Work Office (TWO) upon completion. We will ask you to grant us permission to exhibit, publish, and/or reproduce your assignment/documentation in our office, on our website, and for other related publicity. We are most interested in proposals that respond to the unique history and nature of the Bronx.

- ★ Build a bridge
- ★ Document a need for repairs
- ★ Make a regional travel guide for a neighborhood, place, or phenomenon in the Bronx
- ★ Record an oral history (with someone who lives or works in the Bronx)
- ★ Reinterpret a newspaper photograph (as collage, photograph, performance, etc.)
- ★ Design a poster to promote something (TWO office, an upcoming event in your life, a good idea, etc.)
- ★ Catalog existing WPA structures in the Bronx
- ★ Make a mixed CD related to places, people, or experiences in the Bronx
- ★ Give a concert for a plant in the Bronx
- ★ Start an American tradition that you'd like to be preserved
- ★ Your assignment idea:

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