

MINISTRY OF ARTS AND CULTURE

PRESS COMMUNIQUE FOR ARTISTS

“Village des Artistes” at Batterie de L’Harmonie, Les Salines, Black River

In the context of the setting up of a « Village des Artistes » at Batterie de L’Harmonie, Les Salines, Black River, the Ministry is carrying out a market survey on the requirements/suggestions of artists on the project.

All those interested in the project are required to fill in the questionnaire which can either be downloaded from the website of the Ministry at **culture.govmu.org** or collected at the reception counter of the Ministry, 7th Floor, Renganaden Seeneevassen Building, Port Louis.

All duly filled questionnaires should be returned to the Permanent Secretary of the Ministry of Arts and Culture by **Friday 04 October 2019** at latest.

A brief on the project is also available on the website of the Ministry.

**Ministry of Arts and Culture
7th Floor, Renganaden Seeneevassen Building,
Cnr Pope Hennessy & Maillard Streets,
Port Louis
Contact Number: 212 4390**

Questionnaire for Artists

Title (Miss/Mr/Mrs)		
First Name		
Last name		
Age (Optional)		
Contact Address		
Telephone Number		
Email Address		
Please indicate your field of activity (Please ✓ as appropriate)	Painting	Sculpting
	Singing	Dancing
	Music	Others*
<i>* If others, please specify</i>		
Does your field of activity require residential facilities? (Please ✓ as appropriate)	Yes	No
Where do you currently perform or showcase your art?		
Please provide details on the number of performance (s) conducted during the last 12 months.		
What is the cost of rental for the above-mentioned venue(s)?		

Are there other similar locations to showcase your art? (Please ✓ as appropriate)	Yes	No
Reason(s) for not making use of such facilities.		
Would you be interested to use the facilities offered under this project? (Please ✓ as appropriate)	Yes	No
If yes , please indicate frequency of use		
Please provide any other suggestions which you would recommend for a ‘Village des Artistes’		

The questionnaire should be sent to the following address by **Friday 4 October 2019**:

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BRIEF

Village des Artistes at Batterie de L'Harmonie, Black River

Batterie de L'Harmonie is a historical and national heritage site comprising inter alia a Martello Tower, a battery and a powder house on a portion of land of an extent of approximately 3 Arpents 58 Perches vested in the Ministry of Arts and Culture since 1996.

This project will be implemented on the Build Operate Transfer Model (BOT).

It aims at providing a conducive environment for artists to create works of arts, showcase their creations, hold working sessions and conduct workshops. In addition, the project aims at conserving, restoring and upgrading structures on site as per the National Heritage Fund Act 2003. The project will also include

- a) covered space for artists to perform/present their work;
- b) display areas for artists;
- c) residential block for artists;
- d) villas to be rented out;
- e) facilities such as cafeteria and kiosks;
- f) space to depict the history of the site; and
- g) management and operation of historical structures/remains, including the tower located on the site.

For the implementation of the project under the BOT route, the land will be leased to a selected promoter for a minimum period of 20 years at a price to be determined by the Valuation Department following a tendering exercise, to enable the latter to recover his investment in the project under the BOT project.