

**Emma S. Barrientos Mexican American Cultural Center  
Latino Arts Residency Program – Residency Agreement**

**PURPOSE AND MISSION OF LARP**

The Latino Arts Residency Program was founded in 2013 by the Emma S. Barrientos Mexican American Cultural Center (ESB-MACC) to develop local sustainable Latino arts organizations or working artists that will tangibly benefit the public through increased exposure to the process and the product of quality Latino art work of every discipline. Art work developed at the Emma S. Barrientos Mexican American Cultural Center will be publicly presented with the highest professional quality and will help position the Center as a national presenter of performing and visual arts.

The residency also enables the artist or arts organizations to become self-sustaining as evidenced by: a) more funding, b) increased partnerships, c) more artistic production, and d) greater audience awareness of the artist(s)' work. One goal of the residency is to provide a supportive environment of rigor and discipline to promote greater focus and professionalism to every aspect of the art making process.

In addition, opportunities for public education will be supported at the ESB-MACC by involving the public in the process of art production. We look for opportunities to share the process of your art making with the public. In addition, partners help provide educational programming at the ESB-MACC for young and old. Finally, opportunities to collaborate abound in a residency program as artists are encouraged to create community and make art together.

**ABOUT THE ESB-MACC**

**Mission**

*The Emma S. Barrientos Mexican American Cultural Center (ESB-MACC) is dedicated to the preservation, creation, presentation, and promotion of the cultural arts of Mexican Americans and other Latino cultures.*

**Vision**

*Austin will have a greater awareness of the history and contributions of our Mexican American and Latino communities, enhancing quality of life for everyone.*

*The ESB-MACC will foster, engage, and empower the greater Austin community through renowned arts education and enriching experiences of art and culture. The Center will be a celebrated Pan American cultural institution that will enhance the quality of life for its patrons.*

**Values**

**Excellence:** We pursue excellence in all aspects of cultural programming and operations.

**Respect:** We respect artists and the art work that they share with public at our sites.

**Innovation:** We support creativity and experimentation in our cultural programs and operations.

**Collaboration:** We seek innovative ways to collaborate with Latino/a artists and organizations throughout the region.

**Community:** We are accessible, responsive, and welcoming to all.

**Responsibility:** We are fiscally responsible.