

ATLANTA PRINTMAKERS STUDIO RENTAL APPLICATION AND CONTRACT

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Atlanta Printmakers Studio (APS) is an environment dedicated to the practice of fine art printmaking. We offer classes and workshops, host community related events and exhibitions, and provide an opportunity to join a vital community of artists by offering shared use studio rental. Through this program renters have access to a professional printmaking studio, and a chance to interact with other artists.

Studio renters work on an independent basis to produce their own prints. APS studio rental is designed specifically for individuals who have demonstrated an appropriate level of experience in printmaking and are granted access to work in one or more printmaking techniques, including relief, letterpress, intaglio, monotype and screen printing. While all renters are not required to have extensive experience in their chosen medium, we do require that they can use the facilities correctly, independently, safely, and with consideration for other renters.

Prospective renters need to read and fill out an application form, schedule an interview to assess technical ability, and complete a studio orientation before using the studio. People are encouraged to apply with sufficient time for this process before beginning a project. APS cannot arrange for an interview and orientation on the spot.

STUDIO RENTAL OPTIONS:

KEY HOLDER:

Key Holders have 24-hour access to the studio, plus their own flat file drawer and personal storage space. There is currently a limit of 12 Key Holders at any one time – others can be put on a waiting list for the first available slot. All Key Holders must be a current APS member and make a 6 or 12 month commitment. Working Key Holders will receive a discount because they volunteer as a studio monitor at least once a month for a 6 hour shift. As a studio monitor, you help maintain the studio and provide regular open studio hours, making the facility available for limited access renters. Working Key Holders may work on their own prints while serving as a monitor, but must be willing to stop and handle studio issues that come up during their shift. (Studio hours: Thurs. 10am-9pm, Sat. and Sun. 10am- 4pm. Shifts on Thurs. are 10am-2pm, 2-6pm and 5:30pm-9pm)

Key Holder (12-month commitment)

- \$95.00/month or \$75.00/month working
- \$100.00 refundable damage deposit/ contract completion deposit
- Right to defer use of one month within 6-month period

Key Holder (6-month commitment)

- \$100.00 per month or \$80/month working
- \$100.00 refundable damage / contract completion deposit
- Right to defer use of one month within 6-month period

LIMITED ACCESS:

Limited access renters work independently in the studio during established studio hours while a studio monitor is present. Each renter is allowed to use half a flat file drawer as available and only as long as rental status is active. Personal inks and tools may not be stored in the studio, except for small items that fit in the flat file drawer.

The initial studio schedule will be Thursdays 10am-9pm, Saturdays and Sundays 10am-4pm and sometimes by appointment. (These hours are subject to change.)

Limited Access (6-month commitment)

- \$70.00/month or \$60/month APS members
- \$50.00 refundable damage / contract completion deposit
- Right to defer use of one month within contract time

Limited Access (Basic)

- \$80/month or \$70/month APS members
- \$35/day or \$30/day APS members
- \$10/hour
- \$50.00 refundable damage deposit

STUDIO RENTAL BASIC AGREEMENTS:

Regardless of type of contract or past experience, ALL applicants are expected to understand and adhere to basic agreements of working in the studio, including:

- responsibility of knowing and applying safety guidelines
- ability to work responsibly and independently
- respect for and proper usage of facilities and shop equipment, including taking into consideration your limitations within the studio
- cleanliness and willingness to pick up after yourself
- consideration and respect for other renters, their space, and property
- abiding by the policies set forth in the APS Studio Manual
- abiding by policies of the Metropolitan Warehouses management
- APS tools, equipment, or supplies are strictly NOT to be removed from the studio

Studio rental contracts may be revoked for not adhering to the basic agreements. If a contract is revoked, the initial deposit will be refunded unless damage to studio property due to misuse or negligence has occurred and appropriate fees need to be assessed.

Occasionally, changes may need to be made to contract agreements and shop policies. If substantial changes are made to these agreements, existing renters will be offered the option to drop their contract and receive an appropriate refund. APS's board of directors makes final decisions as to the operations and policies of the studio.

CONTRACT PAYMENT:

Studio monthly rental fees are due on the first of each month, with a grace period extending until the fifth. After the fifth, a late fee of \$10.00 will be charged. If payment is not received by the 15th, use of the shop will be suspended until the debt is paid. Monthly fees can be paid by cash or check, and soon by credit card or Paypal.

Monthly checks should be sent to:

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Rental fees by the day or hour must be paid by cash or check to the studio monitor on the day you use the facility.

CONTRACT COMPLETION / DEPOSITS:

All renters are expected to follow through with the full duration of their contracts. In the event that a renter is unable to do so, their initial damage/contract completion deposit will not be refunded. Any damage caused by negligence or misuse will be evaluated and may result in the loss of your deposit, or in extreme cases, the revocation of your contract. If you want to deactivate your status as renter at the end of a contract period, you must remove all personal belongings from the studio and return keys (if Key Holder) before getting your deposit back. If you wish to rent at a later date, payment of a new deposit is expected.

DEFERRAL:

Key Holders and Six Month Limited Access contracts allow the option of deferring one months' use of the studio in any six-month period. APS must be notified **before** the first of the month to be deferred.

CONTRACT RENEWAL:

Contract renewals are available. APS must be notified before the first of the month of the renewal period. The deposit is held until renter declares herself/himself to be inactive.

MATERIALS:

Renters are expected to supply their own plates, paper, hand tools, inks, gloves, screens, brushes, sponges, photo emulsion, newsprint and other miscellaneous personal supplies. Some of the studio supplies provided by APS include the presses, press blankets, letterpress type and trays, blotters, cleaning oil, solvents, brayers, rollers, scrapers, rags, paper towels and hand cleaner. No hazardous or flammable materials may be stored in the studio unless kept in the fire safety cabinet.

STUDIO RENTER CONDUCT AND SPACE USE:

Studio renters have the freedom to work independently while sharing the studio with fellow artists in a professional manner. Renters are encouraged to interact with one another. The open and collaborative spirit of the studio depends on each person's willingness and ability to communicate. By following these guidelines when you are working in the shop, you will help keep APS a safe, organized, and inviting place to work.

Pick up after yourself when using the studio.

Discard paper and trash, place used rags in the proper containers, sweep up metal filings and wood/linoleum chips, and place all shop equipment and solvent and ink containers in their proper storage areas. Help maintain common areas, such as bathroom, hallways, and kitchen area. Take out the trash when needed. Cleanliness adds GREATLY to the safety and overall functioning of the shop!

Clean up all surfaces in the work areas you used when finished.

Clean up any work surfaces you have used (counters, tabletops, sinks, etc). Don't forget to wipe up press beds, and check the floor for spills around the area you have worked.

Know the proper clean up of inks and solvents.

To clean oil-based inks from glass surfaces, first remove as much as you can with the razor scraper. Follow this with the least toxic cleaner available, such as vegetable oil followed by an all-purpose cleaner. If needed, use odorless mineral spirits and follow up with all-purpose cleaner. If a surface needs to be degreased try all-purpose cleaner first, if that doesn't work use denatured alcohol. Use ONLY rags to clean up oily materials, and use paper towels to clean water-based messes.

Be Conservative with studio owned inks and other materials.

Always scrape ink from the top in a circular manner, never gouge, poke or scoop ink out of the can. Gouged inks become unusable and have to be thrown out. Take care not to waste expendable materials (such as rags, solvents, inks, etc.) This is a safer practice for the environment and helps to keep costs low.

Recycle and reuse materials whenever possible.

Whenever possible, use rags until they are fully dirty. All used rags must be placed in rag cans. One can is for slightly used rags that can be used again and the other can is for fully dirty rags to be disposed.

Be considerate when sharing the space:

Be aware of the needs of other people working around you in the shop. Music (content or volume), the amount of time you need for the exclusive use of a press or piece of equipment, the amount of space you take up with a project, and other personal work habits can directly impact fellow renters. We ask that you keep your number of outside visitors to a minimum. Please keep in mind that non-renters are strictly prohibited from operating or handling equipment (presses, rollers, etc), using solvents, or any printmaking related supplies. Different styles and work habits taken into account, renters who consistently interfere with others ability to work may be asked to alter their behavior. Repeatedly problematic or disruptive behavior may result in termination of rental contract and access, as decided on a case-by-case basis.

Prints may not be kept in the drying racks for extended amounts of time.

There is a very limited amount of space in the drying racks, please keep your prints in the dryers only as long as it takes for them to dry. (Generally speaking, one to two days should suffice for most media.) Prints left on drying rack for more than two days may be moved to a designated flat file drawer. Unclaimed prints will be eventually thrown out.

Renters must work around scheduled APS classes and events.

APS offers a variety of classes and workshops, as well as other occasional events in the studio. These events have priority over equipment usage and workspace. Most of the time, renters can still come and work independently in the studio as long as they don't interfere with these activities. Occasionally, the studio may be unavailable. The schedule will be posted on the calendar with as much advance notice as possible.

Collaborative projects and printing for others.

Only active APS renters may use the equipment in the studio or work in the space. If you want to work collaboratively with non-renters or do printing for others, this must be discussed with and approved by APS on a case-by-case basis. This work must be scheduled and executed in a manner that does not interfere with other renters.

Be safe.

Toxins can enter the body three ways: skin contact, inhalation, and ingestion. For your safety, food and drink should be consumed outside the studio area. No smoking is allowed anywhere inside the building. It is also recommended that you wear gloves, mask and/or respirator whenever handling chemicals, cleaners and solvents.

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Date ____/____/____
Actual Start Date ____/____/____

STUDIO RENTAL APPLICATION:

Name _____

Address _____

City _____ State _____ Zip Code _____

Phone _____ E-mail _____

Auto (year, make, model, color, tag) _____

EMERGENCY CONTACT:

Name _____ Phone _____

Relation to you _____

PRINTMAKING-RELATED REFERENCES

(Name, Position/Relation, Phone Number or E-mail Address):

WHICH MEDIA ARE YOU APPLYING FOR?

INTAGLIO MONOPRINT
 RELIEF LITHOGRAPHY
 SCREENPRINT LETTERPRESS
 OTHER

(You will have opportunities to explore new media through classes and workshops)

PLEASE DESCRIBE YOUR OBJECTIVES OF WORKING IN THE STUDIO:

WHICH KIND OF RENTAL ARE YOU APPLYING FOR? (check one)

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| 1. <input type="checkbox"/> 12-Month Key Holder (<i>circle one</i> : standard or working) | 3. <input type="checkbox"/> 6-Month Limited Access |
| 2. <input type="checkbox"/> 6-Month Key Holder (<i>circle one</i> : standard or working) | 4. <input type="checkbox"/> Basic Limited Access |

Please enclose a check for \$100.00 (Key Holders) or a check for \$50.00 (Limited Access) made out to Atlanta Printmakers Studio with this application. If you are accepted as a renter, this fee will act as your deposit. If you are not accepted, the full amount will be refunded to you. Send the application with deposit to:

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Upon submitting the deposit and application you must schedule an interview. You will be expected to bring a portfolio of original prints to the interview. Bring prints that are representative of the technique(s) you wish to use at the APS facility. Applicants are evaluated on their level of understanding of the techniques they wish to use and their ability to use them independently and safely. Applicants are not judged on artistic merit. The application process is intended to assure all users can function safely and independently in their chosen print media.

Accepted renters must attend an orientation session prior to the first month of working in the studio. After the orientation is completed, new renters' contracts will start at the beginning of the following month, at which time first' months dues must be paid. If a renter wishes to start working immediately following orientation, they may pay a prorated amount until the beginning of their contract.

All renters are chosen on their ability to use the shop responsibly, to contribute in a positive way to the APS community, and to understand and follow all basic agreements (as outlined within the studio rental information pages). Equal opportunity to participate in and benefit from Atlanta Printmakers Studio is provided to all individuals regardless of race, national origin, color, sex, age, religion, sexual preference, or disability in admission, access, or employment. Minors may not use the equipment or be in the studio unless accompanied by an adult.

Renters in connection with APS studio rental shall indemnify Atlanta Printmakers Studio, Inc. ("APS") against all claims arising from any accident, injury, or damage whatsoever, however caused, to any person or to any property occurring during the rental term on or about the demised premises, and against all expenses, counsel fees, and liabilities incurred in connection with any such claim or any action or proceeding brought thereon.

By signing below, the applicant acknowledges that he/she agrees to all the terms, conditions, and basic agreements of becoming a studio renter.

Signature _____ **Date** ____/____/____