

**METCHOSIN  
INTERNATIONAL  
SUMMER SCHOOL  
OF THE ARTS**

**Attention 2-D and 3-D artists!**

The Metchosin International Summer School of the Arts (MISSA) is excited to announce that **Susan Low-Beer** will lead our **2017 Mentored Studio Residency Program, June 24 – July 8, 2017**.

Enjoy the ultimate MISSA artist retreat -14 days of uninterrupted studio time with the freedom to explore new creative concepts, experiment with new techniques, or take your art project to the next level supported by expert mentorship.

MISSA residency program artists will have time to work on their own, taking full advantage of our amazing seaside location, attend lectures, demos, group critiques and discussions, as well as enjoy plenty of one-on-one time with our energetic resident artist / mentor Susan Low-Beer.

Residency participants are provided with a studio space for the 2 weeks (24 hour access with a maximum two artists per studio). Staying on campus is highly recommended (accommodation and meal packages are available).

Registration is open. Please phone 250 391 2415 Space is limited to 12 artists. Acceptance for the Mentored Studio Residency is contingent upon a portfolio review. Residency registrants will be asked to submit, as a single pdf document: 6 images, brief bio and statement regarding the project or direction you wish to pursue while at MISSA.

The Mentored Studio Residency is open to artists working in most media and encourages an environment of individual mentorship and peer support.

Please see page 2 of this document for information on MISSA.

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## **Come enjoy a creative retreat on beautiful Vancouver Island!**

MISSA takes place each summer on the campus of Pearson College, 29 km west of Victoria, BC. This isolated natural setting allows students and faculty to focus on creative projects and to build strong friendships, sharing their experiences and knowledge with fellow artists.

The campus was designed by Canadian architects Ron Thom and Barry Downs in the early 1970's in their pioneering West Coast Modern style and takes the form of a seaside village with buildings of native cedar clustered on 75 acres of old growth rainforest. The simple, low-slung structures are linked by footpaths and stand in harmony with the surrounding landscape. The area is home to deer, eagles, songbirds, sea otters, seals, waterfowl and other wildlife.

## **Bring your walking shoes, binoculars, camera, kayak, bike, paddle board!**

Explore the tranquil campus, surrounding forest and oceanfront...

Walk the forest trails on campus, or to nearby Pedder Bay Marina or Weirs Beach (early morning guided walks are available).

Cycle, jog or walk on the Galloping Goose Regional Trail

Kayak or paddleboard with the kingfishers in protected Pedder Bay.

Swim in the college pool or workout in the gym (6:00am to 9:30pm during MISSA).

Practice yoga or quiet contemplation in the Spiritual Centre overlooking the water.

Book a massage for the end of the day with MISSA's on-site masseuse.

## **We're now in our 33<sup>rd</sup> year!**

MISSA was founded in 1984 by a group of dedicated artists. That year, five two-week courses were offered. Over the years we have expanded our course selection and the school has developed an excellent reputation for bringing in acclaimed practicing artists. Our workshops have expanded from five courses and 53 participants the first summer to over 40 workshops with more than 400 students each year from around North America and as far away as Israel, Brazil, Belgium and Mexico.

The town of Metchosin is a 10-minute drive from campus and offers a restaurant, small grocery store and a coffee shop. The City of Victoria is approximately 45 minutes away by car. MISSA provides a limited shuttle service from the airport and ferry terminal (both about 1 hour away).

Please note: Parts of the campus are hilly and many buildings are accessible only by footpaths and, in some cases, by stairway.