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MUSIC OMI RESIDENCY ANNOUNCES 2015 CALL FOR APPLICATIONS

Application Deadline: Monday, February 1, 2016
2016 Residency Dates: August 11 - 28, 2016

For Immediate Release

Ghent, New York—Omi International Arts Center announces it is now accepting applications for the collaborative Music Omi musicians residency program, taking place from **August 11 - August 28, 2016**.

The Music Omi application portal can be accessed at www.omiartscenter.org/music.

Applications will be accepted through February 1. The application is free, as is attending the program, and residency slots will be offered to 12–15 musicians, composers, and performers from around the globe.

Every summer, Music Omi invites 12-15 musicians—composers and performers from around the world—to come together for two and a half weeks in a unique collaborative music making residency program located at Omi International Arts Center in Ghent, NY. Hudson Valley music makers are particularly encouraged to apply; not only will a local Music Omi fellow show off the incredible riches of our local arts community, but she or he will leave the program with international connections and will likely continue to collaborate with musicians at Omi invited from around the world.

Jeffrey Lependorf, Director of Music Omi, has created the program to encourage participants to share ideas, perform each other's works, and write music for one another, while exploring their own musical vision and broadening their artistic and cultural horizons. Himself a composer of operas and chamber music, Lependorf is also a certified master of the shakuhachi, a traditional Japanese bamboo flute. About the Music Omi program he says, "Music Omi offers an annual intensive experiment in artistic collaboration 'without a net' for musicians of incredibly diverse backgrounds—it's never failed to be an exceptional experience for all involved." The Music Omi experience also includes free public performances during and at the conclusion of the residency for invited fellows to share some of their collaborative work with the public. The musicians will first appear before the public in "guerilla improvising chamber groups" during the first weekend of the program, and the summer session will culminate with an outdoor performance set amongst the grounds of Omi's 120 acre sculpture park.

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About Omi International Arts Center

Omi is located in the town of Ghent, New York, in the Hudson River Valley, approximately two and a half hours from New York City, and three hours from Boston. The campus consists of over 300 acres of rolling farmland, woodlands and ponds, and includes The Fields Sculpture Park, where visitors can explore contemporary art exhibits art year-round. The facilities include a Federal Period farmhouse with spectacular views of the Catskill Mountains, a large two-story barn with indoor studios, and contemporary residence buildings. Residents of Music Omi receive lodging, including a private room, and delicious meals during their stay. Invited fellows must secure their own travel funds to the campus.

Since its founding, the Omi International Arts Center has been guided by the principle that artistic expression transcends economic, political, and cultural boundaries. Music Omi reflects that commitment, as do Omi's other residency programs for writers, visual artists and dancers. You can learn more at www.omiartscenter.org.

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ATTENTION: PERFORMING COMPOSERS, IMPROVISING MUSICIANS, SOUND ARTISTS!
Unique Artist Colony Opportunity

Deadline: February 1st

Music Omi International Music Residency Program is now accepting applications for the summer 2016 session: August 11 through August 28. Performing composers, composing performers, improvising musicians, experimental and creative music-makers, traditional and folk players, singer-songwriters, and sound artists from ALL musical disciplines and backgrounds who wish to take part in a collaborative music residency are encouraged to apply. No application fee. No fee to attend. Full room and board will be provided (fellows must provide their own travel). The beautiful Omi International Arts Center campus is located in upstate New York, USA. Visit www.omiartscenter.org/music for more information.