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Funded opportunity for New York State Circus Artists Hupstate Residency 2026

Company: Hupstate Circus
Location: Ithaca, NY
Compensation: funded residency program

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Saltonstall X Circus Culture Residency for Individual Circus Artists will welcome awardees

April 19th-26th, 2026 in Ithaca, NY

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The Saltonstall x Circus Culture Hupstate Residency for Individual Circus Artists provides an all expenses paid week long opportunity to create and develop work for circus artists residing in New York State.

This exciting program is a collaboration between two upstate NY arts and cultural institutions: Circus Culture, Ithaca's very own circus school, and the Constance Saltonstall Foundation for the Arts, which supports the development of the arts through residencies at its 200 acre retreat center in Ithaca, NY. The residency was born out of a shared excitement for the development of the circus arts among leadership in both organizations.

The Saltonstall x Circus Culture residency is the first of its kind and is designed to provide a generous and spacious environment for the development of the circus arts in NY State and/or Native Nations therein. It does this by giving individual circus artists from the region time and space with an idea or project that they want to develop, polish or investigate.

The residency provides housing for 7 nights/8 days (Sunday, April 19 - Sunday, April 26th) with a private room and work space with desk and private bathroom, access to up to 6 hours per day of shared circus studio time at Circus Culture, up to $100 travel reimbursement, pantry staples, local vegetables for breakfast and lunch, and communal dinners provided by a private chef.

The residency program defines a circus artist as anyone involved in any aspect of art making, creative problem solving, or innovation within the circus arts. This may include designers, dramaturges, choreographers, directors, circademics, writers, photographers, riggers, performers, teaching artists, and more.

In 2024, Hupstate Circus received its 501(c)(3) nonprofit status, with the mission to elevate circus arts in the United States through high-impact and accessible festival and residency programs. The Hupstate Circus Residency serves to connect circus artists with opportunities for artistic residencies that enhance and support the development of their work and play.

Application opens: Dec 1, 2025

Application deadline: Feb 1, 2026

Final selections announced: March 1, 2026

Residency: April 19th - April 26th, 2026

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