



Call for Musicians: Artists in Residence Program

Smith Center for Healing and the Arts and the Inova Life with Cancer program are pleased to invite local musicians to join the Smith Center Artists in Residence Program, based at the new [Inova Schar Cancer Institute](#) in Fairfax, VA and expanding to serve other care centers across the Inova system (including Alexandria, Fair Oaks, and Loudon centers).

The Artists in Residence Program (AIR) trains and supervises local artists to work directly with patients, caregivers and clinicians to create opportunities for stress reduction, self-awareness and self-expression in the Institute's outpatient infusion, radiation, and waiting areas. The AIR Program is one component of a comprehensive arts and healing program at the Inova Schar Cancer Institute that also includes a permanent art collection, ongoing exhibitions and performing arts events.

The AIR Program reflects the belief that the creative spirit can be found in all of us and can be especially helpful when the human spirit is in need. For over two decades, Smith Center has worked with professional artists to integrate their creative process as a tool and strategy to help others strengthen and sustain their healing process. Smith Center artists in residence have described their work in cancer institutes and with patients and staff in other clinical settings as one of the most meaningful and rewarding experiences of their lives.

Interested musicians should review the attached AIR Application Guidelines prior to submission of an application to Tamara Wellons, AIR Program Manager airmanager@smithcenter.org with copy to Scott Stoner, AIR Program Advisor scott@smithcenter.org

[Smith Center for Healing and the Arts](#) is a nonprofit health, education, and arts organization in Washington DC. Our mission is to develop and promote healing practices that explore physical, emotional, and mental resources that lead to life-affirming changes for people affected by cancer. Our programs focus on cultivating each person's innate ability to heal, helping participants explore meaning and maintain hope—even in the face of life's challenges. We welcome you to join us for programs, visit us at our U Street Center and Art Gallery, or contact us to learn more: 1632 U Street, NW, Washington, DC 20009 (202) 483-8600

[Inova Schar Cancer Institute](#) is an international center for advanced cancer care and research. Collaborating with clinical and scientific partners, we conduct genomic and translational research to better understand, predict, prevent, and eliminate cancer. Our personalized health approach enables us to create individualized treatments and preventive analytics to predict illness for every unique individual and family we provide care.