

2008-2009 Program  
2008-2009 Residency Program

[ September 1, 2008 to June 30, 2009 ]

Deadline: **January 15, 2008**

**Action Art Actuel [AAA]** is an artist-run centre. AAA's mandate is presenting and promoting contemporary art. The centre is located in Saint-Jean-sur-Richelieu, Quebec, Canada.

Polidisciplinary, **AAA** is particularly interested in supporting hybrid practices as defined by the chosen medium as much as by the questions raised and reflections brought around. The centre privileges artistic projects which unfold within the framework of contemporary art issues and artistic practices; the actuality of chosen themes reflecting temporality in a global context and their milieu. Wishing to encourage dialogue, AAA favour collaboration, communication and circulation of ideas through satellites activities implicating artists from Quebec and from international artistic communities. Activities take the shape of off-site events and special projects, collaborations with other cultural organizations, projects around curating and publications The centre is also involved regionally, making it a lively and familiar space.

### For its 2008-2009 program

Action Art Actuel welcomes proposals on the theme of **UTOPIA**.

Initially, the notion of Utopia endeavoured to enlarge on what is possible. Over time in our society, it paradoxically has become a synonym of the impossible. Yesterday's progressive and optimistic utopias have become obsolete and have fallen into oblivion. However, we believe that utopia relates to the artist's commitment, to the way s/he deals with the world; whether society must be idealize to carry out this commitment or whether it takes place in the reality of everyday life.

**AAA** invites you to experiment with **Utopia** or its paradox, dystopia, through multidisciplinary proposals. Stories of semantics or lifestyle trends, what are the utopias —past, present or future— left to explore?

### The centre offers :

#### Residency Program

- \$ 1,500 (CAN) residency fee;
- A 4 to 6-weeks residency, followed by a 4-weeks exhibition;
- Accommodation for the duration of the residency;
- Access to the centre's equipment.

#### Exhibitions

- \$ 1,500 (CAN) exhibition fee;
- Duration of exhibitions: 4 to 6 weeks.

Selection committee will met in January 2008 and responses will be mailed in February 2008.

Floor plan available at [www.action-art-actuel.org](http://www.action-art-actuel.org)

### Your proposal must include :

1. Project description (including technical requirements if any);
2. Updated résumé;
3. Artist statement;
4. 15 to 20 **digital images** of recent work on CD and/or video document (NTSC) on DVD, with a detailed description including title, date, dimensions and media;
5. Press clippings, reviews, catalogue, publications, leaflets, etc.;
6. A self-addressed stamped envelope for your submission to be returned, otherwise it will not be.

### Please send your proposal to :

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