



COMMUNAL STUDIO MEMBERSHIP AGREEMENT

Member Name: _____

Address: _____

Phone No.: _____ Email: _____

Communal Studio: General Ceramic without storage

Ceramic with storage: (circle one) **Single** (48 sqft) or **Double** (96 sqft)

Membership Dues: \$ _____ Per Month

Membership Term: Month-to-Month (*General only*) 6 Months

12 Months (*required for ceramics with storage memberships*)

Starting Date: _____ Ending Date: _____

AGREEMENT

Art Works Eagan (“AWE”) and Member hereby agree to the following terms:

1. **Definitions.** The following terms will have the stated meanings for purposes of this Agreement:
 - a. **The Building.** The “Building” means the real property located at 3795 Pilot Knob Road, Eagan, Dakota County, Minnesota, owned and operated by AWE, as well as all out-buildings, structures, and parking lots located on the property.
 - b. **Communal Studios.** “Communal Studios” means the spaces in the Building defined by AWE for use by communal studio members under the terms of this Agreement. In the singular, the term means the space indicated above, either Ceramics or General, that Member is entitled to access and use under this Agreement.

c. **Common Areas.** “Common Areas” means the spaces in the Building defined by AWE that may be used and accessed by all AWE members, unless otherwise reserved by an AWE member.

2. **Membership.**

a. **Membership Term.** The Membership Term, and Member’s obligations to pay monthly Membership Dues, will start as of the date listed above, and will end on the last day of the twelfth month following the start date (“Membership End Date”). For example, if the start date is noted as September 1st, the membership term will end on September 30th of the following year. If the Membership Term begins on a date other than the first of the month, Membership Dues will be prorated for the remainder of that month. The term of Month-to-Month Memberships will begin on the first day of the month and end on the last day of the same month. Membership Dues for Month-to-Month Memberships will not be prorated based on the actual start date if after the first of the month.

b. **Membership Dues.** Member will pay Membership Dues in the amount listed above in advance on or before the first day of every month at the Building; by mail or by secure delivery to the main office, or other reasonable place or method as requested by AWE. Dues are paid when AWE receives them, not when mailed or sent by Member. If AWE does not receive Member’s Dues by the 10th of the month, Member will be charged a \$50.00 late fee. A \$30.00 fee will be assessed to Member for each unpaid check returned by Member’s bank.

i. **Ceramics Studio Final Firing Fees.** In addition to Membership Dues, Ceramic Studio Members will be required to pay a per-use fee for final kiln firings, the schedule for which will be determined by AWE at its sole discretion. For purposes of this Agreement, all terms and obligations applicable to Membership Dues are also applicable to these final firing fees.

3. **Benefits of Membership.** In addition to use of the Communal Studio indicated above, Member’s benefits of Membership include the following:

a. **Building Access.** Month-to-month Members will have access to the General Communal Studio during regular business hours as they are defined by AWE. Members with 6- and 12-Month Memberships will be issued a key, key fob, and/or numeric code that will allow 24-hour access to the Communal Studio and Common Areas of the Building. The sharing of keys, key fobs and/or codes with others, regardless of whether or not they are AWE members, is strictly forbidden.

i. **Restricted Areas.** Unless otherwise contracted-for or agreed to by AWE in writing, Member’s Building access does not include access to: a) the ceramics studio (applicable to General Communal Studio Members only), b) any of the private studio spaces, whether or not they are in use by a private studio member, c) the makerspace, d) the conference room, and e) the roof.

b. **Wifi Internet Service.** Member will be provided with secured wifi internet service at no cost.

c. **Utilities.** All utilities, garbage and recycling service.

- d. Events. Invitation to participate in certain studio member exhibitions and events organized or hosted by AWE.
- e. Additional Ceramics Studio Equipment. The Ceramics Studio will additionally be equipped with potters' wheels, kilns, slab roller, and other common ceramics equipment for Member's use. Member must provide all other tools and materials necessary for his or her process, including without limitation, clay, hand tools, ware boards, glazes, work mats, slab forms and the like.
- f. Optional Locker Reservation. Member may reserve a locker for his or her exclusive use for an additional fee.

AWE retains the right to suspend any or all of Member's Membership Benefits if Member's Membership Dues are in arrears for thirty (30) days or more.

4. **Communal Studio Use.** AWE's Building Conduct and Use Terms are attached as Appendix A and are incorporated into this Agreement by reference. Member agrees to abide by the Terms as outlined, or as they may be modified by AWE from time to time. Member understands that the Communal Studio is intended to be used only as an artist's work space, and that Member may not offer classes or regular individual instruction in the Communal Studio or anywhere else in the Building.

- a. Non-Exclusivity. Member agrees and understands that the Communal Studio is for use with other Members. Member may not designate or claim any portion of the Communal Studio for his or her exclusive use or store anything in the Communal Studio, except that Ceramics Studio Members who elect membership including storage benefits may store any materials or items they wish subject to the terms of this Agreement and the Building Conduct and Use Terms.
- b. Commitment to Regular Use. By entering into this Agreement, Member is committing to use the Communal Studio on a regular basis and will be expected to participate in the majority of AWE-wide events including without limitation, open studio nights, sales, certain fundraisers and the like.

5. **Member Obligations.** In addition to the above, Member promises the following:

- a. Member will not allow damage to any area of the Building.
- b. Member will not allow waste of the Utilities or Services provided by AWE.
- c. Member will make no alterations or additions to the Communal Studio.
- d. Member will not remove fixtures from any area of the Building.
- e. Member will not engage in any activities in or around the Building that are unlawful, illegal, or unreasonably dangerous.
- f. Member will notify AWE in writing of any damage, injury, or other reportable incident that occurs while in or around the Building.
- g. Member will adhere to any and all studio-specific policies that AWE establishes.
- h. Member will follow required procedures for closing down and securing the Building when present after business hours.
- i. If Member's phone number or mailing address change at any time during the Membership Term, Member will timely provide the new contact information to AWE in writing.

6. **Hazardous Substances or Activities.** Member must not use any hazardous substances or engage in any hazardous activities without first requesting permission, in writing, from AWE. Permission may be granted at AWE's sole discretion upon Member's satisfactory demonstration of his or her competency in safely handling such substances or doing such activities, and Member's provision, at his or her own expense, of any safety apparatus, equipment, tools or the like deemed necessary by AWE. If such permission is granted by AWE, the allowed substances or activities will be detailed in writing, which writing will be labeled Appendix B, signed by AWE and Member, and incorporated into this Agreement by reference.

a. **"Hazardous Substances"** mean materials that may cause or pose a present or potential hazard to human health or the environment when improperly used, stored, disposed of, generated, or otherwise handled. The term "Hazardous Substances" is used in its very broadest sense and includes without limitation any and all hazardous, inflammable or toxic substances, materials or waste as defined by or listed under State and Federal Environmental Laws.

b. **"Hazardous Activities"** mean activities that, because of the substances, equipment, or processes involved, may cause or pose a significant or unusual, present or potential hazard to human health or safety when improperly used, done, stored, or otherwise handled. The term "Hazardous Activities" is used in its very broadest sense and includes without limitation, use of any open flame.

7. **Assignment or Unauthorized Sharing.** This Agreement may not be assigned by Member to any other person or entity. Unauthorized sharing of the Communal Studio with non-members is prohibited.

8. **Damages to Persons or Property.**

a. Damage to the Building. Member will be responsible for any loss, cost, or damage to the Building caused by the willful or negligent conduct of Member, Member's guests, invitees or by any person under Member's direction or control.

b. Damage or Injury to Member or Member's Property. AWE is not responsible for any injury or damage to Member or Member's property not caused by a willful or negligent act or failure to act of AWE. AWE is further not responsible for any of Member's property that may be lost or stolen anywhere in or around the Building.

c. Insurance. Member may obtain general liability or property insurance if so desired. However, if Member uses any Hazardous Substances or engages in any Hazardous Activities on a regular basis, as reasonably determined by AWE, Member must obtain and carry hazard insurance, which policy must name AWE as an additional insured, and provide proof of such insurance coverage to AWE.

d. Key or Key Fob Replacement. Member will be charged for the cost of replacing any lost keys or key fobs granting access to the Building, including all reasonable costs incurred by AWE as a direct result of Member's loss.

9. **Termination of Agreement.** Either AWE or Member may terminate this Agreement for any reason by giving 30 days' written notice.

a. Termination for Cause. At its option, AWE may terminate this Agreement and revoke Member's access to the Building immediately, or on a specified date in the future, for cause, which includes without limitation:

- i. Membership Dues being in arrears for thirty (30) days or more; or
- ii. Member's material breach of Paragraph 6 (Hazardous Substances and

- Activities) or Paragraph 7 (Assignment and Unauthorized Sharing) of this Agreement, or failure to cure the breach(es) within the time required as stated in AWE's written notice of the breach(es); or
- iii. Member's material breach of any of the Building Conduct and Use Terms referenced in Paragraph 4 above.

If a future date for revocation is set, Member will still be responsible for payment of Membership Dues until that future date and AWE may accept Membership Dues for the period up to that date without giving up its rights under this Agreement or the law.

10. **Renewal of 6-Month or 12-Month Memberships.** If Member desires to renew his or her 6-month or 12-month Membership with AWE, Member must notify AWE in writing no later than 30 days prior to the expiration of the Membership Term. All Membership renewals may be conditioned on Member's payment of the annual membership fee and passing or re-passing of AWE's jurying process, if any, regardless of whether Member has done so previously.

11. **Expiration of Membership Term.** Member's access to the Communal Studio will be revoked at 11:59 p.m. on the Membership End Date if he or she has not renewed Membership. When the Membership Term expires, Member agrees to:

- a. Remove All Property. Completely remove all property from the Communal Studio and Common Area. If Member's property is not timely removed and Member makes no arrangements to retrieve his or her property within 14 days of the Membership End Date, Member agrees and understands that his or her property will be considered abandoned under Minn. Stat. Section 504B.271 and will be removed, sold, or otherwise disposed of by AWE at its sole discretion; and

- b. Return Keys. Return to AWE all keys or key fobs issued to Member. If Member does not return all keys or key fobs within 24 hours of access being revoked, AWE may change the locks and/or deactivate the key fobs and charge reasonable costs to Member.

12. **General Terms.**

- a. Notices. A notice or demand to Member may be mailed to his or her physical address, emailed to him or her at the email address provided by Member, or handed directly to Member. A notice or demand to AWE must be mailed to: 3795 Pilot Knob Rd., Eagan, MN 55122, emailed to admin@artworkseagan.org, or handed directly to an authorized agent of AWE.

- b. Changes to this Agreement. Any changes to the terms of this Agreement must be agreed to in writing by both AWE and Member.

- c. Entire Agreement. This Agreement is the entire agreement between AWE and Member. No oral agreements have been made.

- d. Governing Law and Exercise of Rights and Remedies. This Agreement will be governed and construed in accordance with the laws of the State of Minnesota and shall be venued in Dakota County. Either party may use any or all of its legal rights and remedies. The use of one or more rights or remedies is not an election of remedies.

- e. Severability. If any provision of this Agreement is determined by a court of law of competent jurisdiction to be invalid or unenforceable, such provision shall be modified to be within

the limits of enforceability or validity, if feasible; however, if the offending provision cannot be so modified, it shall be stricken and all other provisions of this Agreement in all other respects shall remain valid and enforceable.

f. Indemnification. Member agrees at all times to indemnify, defend and hold harmless AWE and its members, officers, directors, employees, agents, contractors, successors and assigns from and against any and all claims, actions, damages, liabilities and expenses, including, but not limited to, attorney's fees, arising in whole or in part out of or by reason of: (i) any loss of life, personal injury, accident or occurrence in the Communal Studio or Building, any use of the Communal Studio or Building, or any hidden or apparent defect, or any other condition in the Communal Studio or Building; (ii) any damage to or loss of any property of Member's or property in Member's possession, whether or not by reason of theft, vandalism, criminal acts, or failure of AWE's security measures, and whether or not this damage to or loss of property occurs in the Communal Studio or Building; (iii) any act, negligence, or fault of Member, his or her agents or invitees, whether occurring on in the Communal Studio or Building; (iv) any acts, negligence, fault or omissions of other AWE Members, their agents or invitees; or (iv) any breach or default in the performance of any obligation to be performed under this Agreement by Member, or resulting from or arising out of the act or omission of Member, his or her agents or invitees.

BY SIGNING BELOW, I ACKNOWLEDGE THAT I HAVE READ AND UNDERSTOOD THIS AGREEMENT AND AGREE TO BE BOUND BY ITS TERMS.

MEMBER:

Signed: _____

Date: _____

Print Name: _____

ART WORKS EAGAN:

By: _____

Date: _____

Its: _____