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Grand Staircase-Escalante National Monument now accepting 2023 Artist-In-Residence Applications

KANAB, Utah — Grand Staircase-Escalante National Monument is pleased to announce applications are now being accepted for the 2023 Artist-in-Residence program, sponsored through partnership with the Escalante Canyons Art Festival and Glen Canyon Conservancy. Applications must be received by midnight April 10, 2023.

Together, sponsors will select one artist to live and work in and around Escalante, Utah while serving as an ambassador for the Monument.

"By promoting a deeper connection to the natural, cultural, and historic resources of the Monument, the residency promotes awareness through the arts." said **Artist-in-Residence Coordinator Allysia Angus**. "Each year, our goal is to provide our selected artist with special opportunities to really bond with the heart of the Monument and express that connection in a way that helps all Americans gain a deeper appreciation for the stewardship of public lands. The residency affords uninterrupted time in a stimulating and rugged environment for an artist to pursue their work and share it with the public."

Interested artists may find more information and application materials at <u>http://bit.ly/3Tus6nj</u>. Application submissions should be forwarded to Allysia Angus at <u>aangus@blm.gov</u>. Notification regarding the 2023 Artist-in-Residence selection will be made by the end of April 2023.

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