



MORAY SCHOOL OF ART

MSoA Alumni Programme: Information Booklet

By Alumni, for Alumni

Introduction

The MSoA Alumni Programme was established through an initial period of alumni engagement that saw a series of networking and development sessions with MSoA alumni to generate an understanding of what was wanted and needed to build a meaningful ongoing connection between Moray School of Art, UHI Moray and their graduates.

The activities and approach toward the programme have been formed through a co-curation approach, determined by MSoA alumni, and remain open to change and growth to align with capacity, demand, and energy. The 2023/24 programme is run by a team of three MSoA alumni: Kayleigh Kellas, Tilly Howie and Fiona Percy. You can contact them at MSAgradprog@gmail.com.



Programme Structure

The Alumni Programme runs on an annual basis and is supported through a membership approach. For a one-off **annual fee of £25**, members will have access to:

- Entry into an annual **Alumni Exhibition** in the MSoA gallery space
- The opportunity to apply for 2x **artist residencies**, where you could be working in the MSoA studio spaces again! (Currently limited to 1x resident artist per semester)
- Alumni **group crits**, held on-campus
- Alumni **making days**: an opportunity to come together in a safe space, create and have a blether
- A vote towards the new **'Alumni Choice Award'** – a £250 prize given to one graduating artist each year at their degree show

Programme Calendar:

(This is a draft calendar that is subject to adjustment)

Aug-Sep:	Alumni Exhibition
Sep:	Open Call for Graduate Residency #1
Sep-Dec:	Residency #1 Undertaken
Oct:	Alumni Crit #1
Nov:	Graduate in Residence #1 Artist Talk/workshop
Dec:	Open Call for Graduate Residency #2
Jan:	Making Day #1
Jan-Apr:	Residency #2 Undertaken
Mar:	Alumni Crit #2
Apr:	Graduate in Residence #2 Artist Talk
May:	Making Day #2
Jun:	MSoA Degree Show - 'Alumni Choice Award' voting & prizegiving

You can sign up at any time throughout the academic year, but please note that the £25 annual fee will stay the same. All funds from memberships go directly back into delivering the programme and funding the Alumni Award at degree show.

More info on...

Alumni Exhibition:

- Hung and displayed end of Aug/start of Sept to align with new academic year
- Install and destall to be done by alumni - volunteers welcome!
- Works can be for sale; 20% of sales to be redistributed back into programme

Graduate Residences:

- Opportunity to apply for two alumni residencies per year; Sept-Dec and Jan-April, to align with degree semesters
- Residencies include a studio space on-campus provided by MSoA and with support from the alumni coordinator team, should resident need it.
- Residencies are awarded by a judging panel, with proposals welcomed in Sep-Oct and Dec-Jan via form emailed to MSAgradprog@gmail.com (Appendix 1)
- Resident alumni will be expected to deliver one artist talk or workshop, open to alumni, current students and staff, as well as one blog for MSoA's social media.
- (The purpose of these residencies is to provide a space for MSoA alumni to create, and reengage with the art school, while also enriching the current student experience through engagement with a practicing artist.)

Peer-Crit Sessions:

- One per semester, facilitated by the alumni coordinator team, but guided by the group as a whole on the day
- Current MSoA students are welcome to observe and listen
- Can bring work in progress and/or resolved pieces. You can also come along if you don't have work to bring, to support and engage in the discussion.
- For crits, we will follow the approach outlined by [Liz Lermans Critical Response Process](#)

Making Days:

- One full day per semester, hosted in the MSoA Victoria Art building, which will be accessible 9am-4pm - with scope to expand this to a more regular event, based on demand.
- This is a drop-in space for networking, collaborating and/or making.
- Please bring your own materials/equipment.
- Print-making room is accessible; and needs to be left as found.
- Due to security reasons, computer access will not be available at any time.

Alumni Choice Award:

- £250 cash prize for one graduating fourth year
- Awarded at degree show
- Voting open for day ahead of preview evening
- Voting based on a scoring system provided on the day

The first year of running, 2023/24, has kindly been supported by UHI's Alumni Advancement and Engagement team.

Key Contacts

MSA Alumni Programme Team

MSAgradprog@gmail.com



[Appendix 1] GRADUATE RESIDENCY INFORMATION & APPLICATION FORM:

Moray School of Art would like to offer MSA graduates from any previous cohort an opportunity to remain engaged with the university through on-campus residencies.

The residency will provide one individual with a studio space at no cost, for the duration of two months. The successful candidate will be supported by the Alumni Coordinator team and will have full creative control around the work produced during their time onsite. There are two residency opportunities each academic year, one in Winter (semester 1) and the other in Spring (semester 2).

[Please note: you have to be a paid member of the Alumni Programme to apply]

As a MSA Graduate Artist in Residence, you will receive:

- Studio space for the duration of either Oct-Dec or Jan-April, to coincide with teaching semesters.
- Access to onsite equipment, excluding UHI Moray IT and computer systems
- Access to the gallery space as and when not being used for teaching or exhibitions

As our Graduate Artist in Residence, you will provide:

- Your own materials
- One blog for UHI Moray's social media (Facebook and Instagram), that considers the development of and/or reflections on your work, as supported by the residency opportunity
- One artist talk or workshop based on your practice, open to staff, students and alumni

To apply for a Graduate Residency: please submit a proposal via email, no longer than one A4 side, outlining the following:

- Artist statement
- How this opportunity will enhance your professional development
- Images of your work
- links to any social media pages (if applicable)

Proposals should be sent via email to: MSAgradprog@gmail.com

And are welcomed during the following dates:

Winter Residency Oct-Dec (proposals submitted between 1st - 30th Sep)

Spring Residency Feb-Apr (proposals submitted between 1st -30th Dec)



[Appendix 2] ALUMNI MEMBERSHIP FORM:

Contact Details

NAME:

CONTACT EMAIL ADDRESS:

By entering your email you agree to receive emails from MSAgradprog@gmail.com with important Alumni Programme information such as open calls for residencies, any updates to the programme and events in relation to it. If you'd prefer not to receive updates, please let us know.

CONTACT PHONE NUMBER:

Info

POST CODE:

YEAR GRADUATED:

SOCIAL MEDIA INFORMATION (IF YOU HAVE):

Membership Fee

MEMBERSHIP FEE ENCLOSED? Yes / No

DATE SENT/HANDED IN:

Please hand this form and £25 cash in a sealed envelope (addressed to 'Moray School of Art Alumni Programme') to UHI Moray main reception, Moray St, Elgin IV30 1JJ. Thank you!