



Studio Access Guide

Jewelry & Metals Studio

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Studio Access Program provides students studio access to continue to practice what they've learned in class outside of class time. Students should come prepared with their own materials and working knowledge of tools and processes needed to further or complete their projects goals. Please review the full Studio Access Program & Framing document for more detailed guidelines.

Studio Use Agreement & Eligibility

Jewelry & Metals Studio use is limited to currently enrolled students of RAC Jewelry & Metals programs who: can begin and complete their projects independent of their instructors, have had a minimum of 12 supervised hours vested in the studio space, can safely operate the studio equipment and navigate the opening and closing of the studio space, have had no issues of safety or studio misuse or issues in conflict with RAC's Community Agreements.

OR, Have completed the Jewelry & Metals Studio Orientation to the satisfaction of the leading Teaching Artists to safely operate and use the equipment and tools reviewed.

*Returning students and practiced artists may email education@therac.org to request an exception to these studio access parameters.

Community Agreements

Richmond Art Center is committed to providing a welcoming, safe and supportive learning environment for everyone in alignment with our Community Agreements in our shared community space.

Studio Fees and Registrations

Studio fees serve to balance the built-in cost of consumables and resources infused into studio operations. Registration is required for all Studio Access reservations and limited to the listed dates and times on Sawyer. RAC will cancel a scheduled studio access time when there are no registrations within 24 hours of the scheduled time slot.

Masks and Common Spaces

We strongly recommend students and staff use masks in studios while keeping windows open during classes, workshops, and studio time. We do not allow eating or drinking in our studio spaces.

MSDS and Chemical Use

All Chemicals and Materials must be pre approved by Instructors or Education office before introduction or use in the studio. All products must have companion MSDS sheet information in the MSDS book and appropriate safe handling procedures listed.

Materials & Consumables

<p>Included with Studio Access Fees</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● PPE's and safety equipment ● Soldering materials and consumables ● Polishing materials and compounds ● Basic flex shaft bits, burs, abrasive ● Pickle station and patinas 	<p>Not Included</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Sawblades ● Waxforms ● Solder & Patinas ● Project materials & metals ● Enamels & firing materials
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Tools & Equipment

<p>Included with Studio Access Fees</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Studio safety equipment and tools ● Jewelers Benches and standard tools within ● Flex shaft grinders, bits and burs ● Torches, torch bench equipment and tools ● Polishing station equipment and buffs ● Microwave and patina ovens 	<p>Not Included</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Enameling equipment ● Casting and mold making equipment and tools ● Use of Lapidary equipment unless approved by studio tech or instructor
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Unapproved Equipment and Activities

<p>Use of the following tools and Equipment</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Natural Gas Booster ● Hydraulic Presses ● Bandsaw & Drill Press ● Kilns 	<p>Unapproved Activities</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Soldering or firing unapproved metals, chemicals or raw materials ● Unapproved process: casting, electroplating or enameling ● Using studio equipment or tools outside the scope of studio application
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