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Soi Fischer is pleased to announce the establishment of the Thematic Residency Program at Artscape Gibraltar Point in Toronto, Canada.

As part of its mandate to make international contemporary art accessible to a wider public, Soi Fischer is debuting its Education and Public Programming at Artscape Gibraltar Point, which provides short-term accommodation and studio space for artists to research and develop their contemporary art practice.

THEMATIC RESIDENCY PROGRAM (2012 – 2013)

October: [Monique Mouton \(L.A.\)](#)
November: [Gareth Long \(NYC\)](#)
December: [Maryse Larivière \(MTL\)](#)
January: [Niall McClelland \(TO\)](#)
February: [Artie Vierkant \(NYC\)](#)

The Thematic Residency Program offers artists the opportunity to work independently with the mentorship of a visiting professional artist, curator or critic working in international contemporary art. Thematic residencies explore various models including studio work, formal lectures, group discussion, peer collaboration and outdoor retreats. This direction allows individual residents to find common ground amongst each other's disparate practices and establish new connections through communal dialogue.

Artscape Gibraltar Point is located in a 35,000 sq. ft. former school building in the unique environment of Toronto Islands, a regional park on Lake Ontario only seven minutes by ferry ride from downtown Toronto. The largest car-free community in North America, the Islands consist of naturalized areas and wildlife reserves; beaches, forests, parks and marinas are linked by numerous walking and bike paths. Toronto Islands can be biked from end to end in approximately fifteen minutes.

The Thematic Residency Program is now accepting applications for October 2012. Enrollment in each two-week residency includes accommodation and studio space and is limited to ten places.

THE PORTABLE HOLE

MONIQUE MOUTON

Program Dates: October 1 – 15, 2012

Application Deadline: August 10, 2012

\$750 + HST

A passage way, a puncture, an escape route, an opening, an excavation, an aperture, a cave. In this residency the objects of discussion (essays, films, art) are like portable holes through which we might peer onto our present. The objects will be loose, to be picked up and dropped down, or packed away for later. Agilely we will step from the archaic to the critical; from the flicker of film to the stillness of a grid. Organized seminars will punctuate plenty of studio time. Casual and communal dialogue will be encouraged.

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Monique MOUTON (MFA, 2014, Bard College) lives and works in Los Angeles, CA. Recent solo exhibitions include *Pitch*, Pamela, Los Angeles and *Sides*, Blanket Contemporary Art, Vancouver; and group exhibitions *Rope Of Sand*, Soi Fischer, Toronto; *Some Paintings*, Equinox Gallery, Vancouver; *Working Title*, Diaz Contemporary, Toronto; and *Enacting Abstraction*, Vancouver Art Gallery. Mouton recently produced a print edition for Hunter and Cook Magazine, Toronto.

Applications are now being accepted via the [Online Application Form](#)

ABOUT ARTSCAPE GIBRALTAR POINT

Departing from the Jack Layton Ferry Terminal in downtown Toronto at the foot of Bay St. & Queens Quay, the seven-minute ferry ride takes you across Toronto Harbour to Hanlan's Point. A five-minute bike ride brings you to our front door. Artscape Gibraltar Point is located at 443 Lakeshore Avenue on Toronto Islands.

Accommodations include fifteen private bedrooms with shared bathrooms, coin-operated laundry machines and Wi-Fi throughout the building. Residents share a communal kitchen with personal refrigerator space and dry storage. The kitchen is fully stocked with amenities including a stove, oven and microwave; generous counter space to prepare meals; dinnerware, flatware and cookware; and staples such as coffee, tea and sugar. A banquet table that seats eighteen sits at the center of the large bright room amongst couches and houseplants.

Studios are well-ventilated with high ceilings, tall windows and large walls. Tables, lamps and chairs are available. Facilities include a library, a black and white dark room, a woodworking studio, and a projector and PA system.

The building is located on acres of land that include a Blue Flag beach with an uninterrupted view of Lake Ontario, a forest, sprawling lawns and gardens filled with flowers, fruit and vegetables. Tennis courts and a baseball diamond are nearby. The Gibraltar Point Lighthouse, the oldest surviving lighthouse on the Great Lakes, is located across the street.

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