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Olson Kundig Launches Creative Exchange Residency Program

Seattle, June 17, 2016 – Olson Kundig announces the launch of their inaugural Olson Kundig *Creative Exchange Residency Program*. Conceived by the firm's *Think Tank* team, the program is an invitation to collaborate and impact the collective practice of the firm. The chosen resident will be provided with a grant of \$10,000 USD from Olson Kundig.

The residency will take place at Olson Kundig's office in Seattle. With a fifty year history of collaboration, the primary focus of the firm has been on architecture, interiors, exhibit and product design, and landscape design. Past collaborators have included artists, choreographers, writers, chefs, scientists, fashion designers, and horticulturists. Through the new *Creative Exchange Residency Program* the firm invites new partnerships with practitioners across a wide variety of disciplines.

Principal and owner, Alan Maskin, elaborates, "We ask our collaborators, 'What can we do together that we cannot do apart?' This spirit is not only part of how

we work with our collaborators, but also part of our fundamental office culture of critique and community."

The 2016 *Creative Exchange* resident will spend between two and four weeks at Olson Kundig's office, where they will have a dedicated work space that can be modified depending on their discipline and project scope. The <u>nature</u> of Olson Kundig's practice has led to the cultivation of a wide network of creative thinkers, makers and innovators. These are people the firm will endeavor to connect the resident to, in order to augment their residency experience.

The call for applications for the *Creative Exchange Residency Program* is open until August 1, 2016. An announcement will be made on August 16, 2016 with the name of the resident selected by Olson Kundig. The residency will take place by the end of 2016 and will be documented and shared on Olson Kundig's website and social media channels.

For more information about the submission process, click here.

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About Olson Kundig

Olson Kundig is a Seattle-based design practice founded on the ideas that buildings can serve as a bridge between nature, culture and people, and that inspiring surroundings have a positive effect on people's lives. The firm specialized in new and renovated residential projects, particularly for art collectors; mixed-use buildings; academic, cultural and civic projects; museums and exhibit design; places of worship; urban design; and interior design for clients around the globe.

For additional information visit $\underline{www.olsonkundig.com}$ or follow Olson Kundig on $\underline{Instagram}$ and $\underline{Twitter}$.

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Photo 1: Olson Kundig collaborated with Degenerate Art Ensemble (DAE) to present <u>Underbelly</u> at the Seattle Center as part of the World's Fair 50th anniversary. Photo courtesy of Bruce Clayton Tom.

Photo 2: A collaboration with artist Mark VonRosenstiel, <u>I Want All of This. All of This I Want.</u> at [storefront] Olson Kundig. Photo courtesy of Joe Iano / Olson Kundig.