

The Letter of Artistic Intent:

In your letter you should express yourself as clearly and professionally as possible. It should address:

- 1) The intended creative direction that you wish to take in your final two years based on your artistic strengths (sculpture, ceramics, painting, prints....
- 2) The subject matter that currently inspires you most and that you are excited to explore in independent projects.
- 3) You must elaborate on a direct connection between artistic historical references and your personal artistic direction.

Sample Letter:

I am very excited to move ahead with my degree and focus my creative studies in printmaking, drawing, and painting. I find that my greatest artistic strengths are with the use of two-dimensional media, most specifically printmaking or limited color drawing and painting processes. I am greatly inspired by the beauty of the local landscape, especially the desert canyons. I enjoy the specific challenges that it offers as subject matter. I hope to someday be able to convey the sense of quiet transcendence that I find in my relationship with the land.

For inspiration and instruction I look to the landscape drawings of Vincent Van Gogh, the modernist printmaker Gebor Peterdi, and contemporary artists such as Micheal Mazur and Terry Winters. Van Gogh's reed-pen and ink landscape drawings directly reveal the delicate spiritual essence of the places that he drew from. I hope to....