

F.Y.E. Collective – OMNI COMMONS 2019 Membership Application

1. What do you do that makes a difference in the world?

FYE Collective is a creative community of amazing human beings. Our collective is founded on humanistic values, with genuine and constructive communication as the glue to our unity. We seek to activate spaces with pure energy and share valuable experiences through artistic expression and gathering, empowering the local community in new, dynamic ways.

Our community includes:

Asaad Bruno ; Akili Simba ; Ashia Karana ; Cadence Myles ; Chuck Bando ; Claire Mystic ; Loren Fizer ; Mace Anthony ; Nikkie Kitarra ; Shogun Shido ; Stoney Creation ; Trippy Sanders ; Yosef Gebre ; & more

Our creative mediums range from:

Creative Direction/Consulting; Community Outreach; Space Activation; Event Planning & Hosting; Brick & Mortar/DIY Construction; Holistic Cuisine & Catering; Vocal/Instrumental Music; DJing; Mixed Medium Fine Art - Drawing & Mural Painting; Clothing Design & Tailoring; Apparel Printing & Embroidery; Graphic Design & Corporate Branding; Marketing Strategies; Analog, Digital Photography & Videography; etc.

Our motto's are:

"Mindful of Earth, consume to create, with what is in reach, for all to enjoy."

"For flames fuel the fire, as the fire fuels flames."

"That's fye... Abundance!"

2. Briefly recap your history as an organization.

FYE Collective was organically assembled early in 2019, in West Oakland, CA, with members originating from epic backgrounds of growth and diversity. Hosting a first series of experimental FYE Collective events for the community in March 2019, we were displaced our functionally cherished live/work home. Since then, FYE Collective has been seeking new spaces to regroup, accomplish our current goals and global vision.

3. What is your incorporation status? (501c3? Unincorporated Association? etc.)

As an emerging collective in early development, we are not yet incorporated. We are currently in the process of becoming fiscally sponsored by Omni to solidify our collective entity, during our proposed integration period.

4. How do you make decisions?

We base our general decision-making on the trust of each other's aptitudes and ability to be mindful of the collective members and vision. For all major decisions made by FYE Collective, a meeting is hosted, upon which any situation is addressed and planning is effectuated. Minor decisions can be made by any of the Core members of FYE collective, as long as reviewed back to the collective for review in a timely manner.

We strive to make decisions in the best, most mindful interest of the individuals, collective, community, and Earth we live with.

5. State your goals for becoming an Omni member collective. How would your presence in the Omni contribute to its purpose and Statement of Solidarity?

As a creative collective of marginalized and oppressed people of color, we strive to rise above adversity in our vision of being a positive force in the local/global community. We harvest our individual skills and personalities for common good and believe in the growing value of our collective ability to hold space and contribute to the community we exist with.

All cultural or social privileges of the members of FYE Collective are creatively up-cycled into solutions of solidarity – we believe this all contributes to the Omni’s purpose and vision. We want to collaborate with the collectives in Omni to curate valuable collective experiences for the community, within Omni and beyond.

6. Explain how you will finance your Omni membership dues/rent.

At first our Omni membership will be financed from our pocket, through planned monthly events and crowd-funding/donations; but mainly with our planned events; and potentially/eventually financial aid such as grants and sponsors.

For FYE Collective to integrate Omni, we propose a 3 month trial/integration period in which FYE Collective would renovate and activate Office #8 and the Community Lab, bringing in our equipment and supplies in exchange for rent due to occupy space.

Following this successfully we propose to pay Omni a sliding scale of \$350-400 per month for rent of our dedicated office and use of the shared spaces.

We consider financial request to be fair and in consideration of our willingness to contribute on an ongoing and growing value basis through space activation and creative involvement in the Omni community.

7. Describe what dedicated physical space (if any) you need.

We envision activating a dedicated space, along with activating a shared space as an extension of our operations as a collective of Omni Commons.

We propose to activate Office #8 as a dedicated space for FYE Collective to rent on a monthly basis, starting with a 3-month trial and activation phase.

We propose to contribute in activating the Community Media Lab as a shared space.

We seek this arrangement for both privacy and commune presence, to congregate and store our belongings in a dedicated/private area, while contributing in activating a shared space for all to use.

FYE Collective belongings, work instruments and storage would be permanently stored in our dedicated/private space, secured around the perimeter and in the Community Lab for our exclusive use or by consent.

7a. What will you do in the dedicated space?

In a space dedicated to FYE Collective, we will mainly work on projects, host collective meetings; store machinery relative to our individual crafts, and store our supplies and equipment such as furniture; clothing/textiles; sewing machines; cameras; computers; paint; etc.

7b. What can you do in shared space?

We plan to host 3 main types of events in the shared space:

- Show – showcase of talent
- Studio – craft-based workshop
- Market – artisanal sales floor

We would also like to organize greater collective talks and gatherings; catered meals and dining; community outreach initiatives; and educational workshops.

7c. Will you need to make any modifications of the building?

For both private and shared spaces we propose general cleaning and mild renovation such as repainting, re-furnishing installing basic wall fixtures; and rearrangement of any existing resources/clutter.

In Office #8, we will need to repair the main wall; install a door between Office #9.

We plan to renovate and activate our dedicated space (Office #8) during our integration period, taking responsibility for all build and renovation efforts

In the Community Lab, we need to solve lighting logistics, resource and equipment organization. We also envision painting a collective mural.

7d. Include floor plans if that makes your proposal clearer

Below are floor plans of the Omni Commons basement, with spaces outlined in blue as private (Office #8) and green (Community Lab) as shared.

