

Date: February 6, 2024

To Whom It May Concern,

I am writing in support of Barbara Schober's request for sponsorship.

Barbara has been invited to participate in The Arctic Circle 2024; an art and science expeditionary residency program, from a vast and very competitive pool of applicants from an international open call. Barbara's work is of great interest to our organisation and we feel that she is a valuable addition to our program.

I am now working directly with Barbara in preparation for her expedition with us and, along with the outstanding artistic merit of her work, I find Barbara to be thoroughly professional, responsible and dedicated.

The Arctic Circle 2024 expedition program, October 2nd to October 19th, 2024, is an opportunity for Barbara to continue with field research and the pursuit of a worthy body of work. Furthermore, I believe that Barbara possesses the artistic strengths and the personal qualities that are a rare and required combination for a group endeavor such as The Arctic Circle program.

The Arctic Circle follows a participant funded model and those selected are required to meet a participant fee of \$7200 USD. This participation fee represents 50% of the (non-profit) program costs. The remaining 50% is subsidized by The Arctic Circle and our partners.

Barbara's participation provides her with the full support of a working expedition—ship and crew, all on board facilities, meals, shore excursions, and transportation and accommodation while in our port of embarkation, Longyearbyen, Svalbard.

The Arctic Circle, an annual series of art & science expeditions to the high-Arctic aims to empower the creative individual and enable the innovator, all while fostering the collaborative.

Details for The Arctic Circle program may be seen at www.theartticcircle.org.
I welcome any of your questions or comments.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Aaron T. O'Connor', is written over a horizontal line.

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