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Tips and Tricks for Giving an Artist Talk

There are many approaches to an artist talk, whether it is a formal presentation of your artistic practice or a casual conversation about what inspires your creative expression. At The Collaborative, we want to create a comfortable environment for folks to get to know you and your artwork on display as a Visiting Feature Artist, Youth Artist, or Collaborator Feature Artist.

Consider the guide to artist talks by Sergio Gomez, Chicago-based artist and curator: Your story > your art process > influences or concerns > key works in the show > final thoughts. The questions below are in line with this guide. We will discuss this in a relaxed way and you should not feel the need to prepare answers ahead of the talk.

1. How did you first become interested in making art?
2. What materials and techniques are essential to your process?
3. Where do you find inspiration? What concerns do you explore in your art?
4. Can you talk about the works you made for this show and which are most important to you?
5. How has your creative practice changed over time?
6. What is your dream project?

Additional resources:

- [7 Ways to Make Your Next Artist Talk Painless, Entertaining, and Successful.](#) Paige Simianer. Artwork Archive (2017).
- [How to Give an Artist Talk & Describe Your Art.](#) Mac Art Galleries (2022)
- [How to Present A Successful Artist Talk.](#) Thriving Artists (2022).