

## LIGNES DE FUITE – DESIGNER-IN-RESIDENCE AGREEMENT

**Term: September 2025 to August 2026**

**Resident Contribution: \$275/month**

*Option to renew for September 2026 to August 2027 at \$300/month*

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### **Purpose of Agreement**

LIGNES DE FUITE is a fashion incubator that provides emerging designers the opportunity to grow their creative practice and business offer in a supportive, low-overhead environment. The Designer-in-Residence program provides studio access, visibility, freelance contract opportunities, infrastructure mentoring, and access to real retail platforms and sales channels.

The total cost of operating the LDF studio is currently valued at **\$2,800/month**, including rent, administrative costs, and Open Studio programming. A planned increase to **\$3,200/month** is scheduled for the 2026–2027 term. These expenses are shared between **2 Creative Partners and 6 Designers-in-Residence**, allowing access to a professional-grade workspace at a fraction of its real cost.

This agreement defines the terms and responsibilities between LDF and each Designer-in-Residence.

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### **1. Studio Access**

Designers receive:

- 7-day access to the LDF studio located at Lot Number 328, 4710 Saint-Ambroise Street
- Use of shared equipment and working tables
- A personal open rack and storage locker
- Shared access to the exhibition space for photography or content creation
- Priority access to dyeing and printing facilities during Open Studio sessions (Wednesdays 6–11 PM, subject to change)
- Liability insurance coverage provided through Atelier Textile's general policy

All access must respect course and programming schedules.

Designers also have access to the following professional-grade studio equipment:

- Drafting tables
  - Computer workstation with Adobe Creative Suite and CLO 3D
  - 6 industrial plain sewing machines (automatic)
  - 3 overlock machines
  - 1 merrow edge
  - 2 manual industrial sewing machines
  - 1 advanced domestic sewing machine (decorative stitches + buttonholes)
  - Industrial buttonhole and tack machines
  - 2 walking foot machines for leather (including one double-needle)
  - Industrial Zigzag and fur machines
  - 1 coverstitch machines
  - Industrial iron and heat press
  - Pattern printer plotter
  - Knitting machine
  - Drafting mannequins
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## **2. Community Contribution**

Designers-in-Residence are expected to:

- Engage respectfully in the shared studio environment
  - Support fellow creatives
  - Contribute to maintaining a clean, safe, and inspiring space
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### 3. SUPPLY & ON SHOW Opportunities

Designers may:

- Sell their work through LDF's SUPPLY platform (3.5% transaction fee + 8% commission)
- Participate in ON SHOW runway events (free of charge, based on selection)
- Be featured in campaigns and other editorial content at the discretion of LDF

All sales must be processed through the centralized POS system.

Designers also benefit from promotional visibility, including:

- 6 guaranteed Instagram stories per year (estimated reach: 600 views/story)
- 3 dedicated Instagram posts per year (estimated reach: 2,500–10,000 views/post)
- Estimated media value: **\$25 per 1,000 views**, total **\$1,500–\$3,000/year**
- Access to LDF's extensive creative network and contacts
- Waived LDF commission on production service jobs if negotiated through LDF with the designer's agreement

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### 4. Freelance Work Opportunities

Designers may be offered freelance or contract work sourced by LDF:

- Hourly rate is capped at \$25/hour
  - Billing must be done through LDF (3.5% transaction fee + 21.5% commission)
  - LDF coordinates client communication and billing
  - Designers may pursue their own freelance work independently with no fees or commission
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## 5. Open Studio Facilitation (Optional)

Designers may be invited to facilitate Open Studio sessions:

- Rate: \$16/hour
  - Responsibilities: greet participants, answer questions, support use of basic tools, reset and clean space
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## 6. Deposit

A one-time deposit equal to one month's contribution (\$275) is required.

- This deposit will be reimbursed if the full one-year term is completed
  - If the resident terminates early for any reason, the deposit is forfeited
  - A 30-day written notice is required for cancellation
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## 7. Infrastructure Mentoring

As part of the residency, designers benefit from informal but ongoing infrastructure mentoring by Milan Tanedjikov, helping guide them through key decisions in developing their brand, product, and visibility strategies.

This mentoring is intended to be generous and helpful, but not unlimited. Each resident may request up to **6 hours per semester** of one-on-one support or consulting with Milan, scheduled based on availability.

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## 8. Force Majeure & Continuity

In the event that LIGNES DE FUITE (represented by Milan Tanedjikov) is unable to fulfill part or all of its responsibilities due to unforeseen circumstances such as illness, injury, or other emergencies ("force majeure"), the following provisions apply:

- All financial and legal obligations of Designers-in-Residence will remain paused but not cancelled.
- Studio access will remain available, and LDF will attempt to delegate day-to-day oversight to a trusted collaborator.
- Educational and promotional programming may be delayed, modified, or paused without penalty.
- If the period of interruption exceeds 60 days, all residents will be invited to a meeting to determine next steps collaboratively.

LIGNES DE FUITE will make every reasonable effort to ensure continuity and minimize disruption.

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## **9. Termination**

LIGNES DE FUITE reserves the right to terminate this agreement at any time, with written notice, if the Designer-in-Residence:

- Repeatedly fails to meet payment obligations
- Violates shared space policies
- Demonstrates unprofessional or harmful behavior
- Damages studio property or impairs community operations

In such cases, all access is revoked, and any unpaid dues remain owed.

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## **10. Confidentiality & Intellectual Property**

Designers retain full ownership of their original work. However, any imagery or content created at the LDF studio may be used by LDF for promotional purposes, with appropriate credit.

All participants agree to maintain confidentiality on any sensitive or internal LDF strategy, discussions, or operations shared during the residency or mentorship.

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# 11. Payment Defaults

Failure to pay monthly contributions within 14 calendar days of the due date may result in temporary suspension of studio access. If a payment is overdue for more than 30 days, the agreement is considered breached, and LDF reserves the right to terminate the agreement and retain the deposit.

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## Summary of Value

Item	Estimated Value
Studio & Equipment Access	\$4,800–\$5,200/year
SUPPLY Retail Platform Access	Income-generating
Runway Presentation	\$1,200–\$2,500/event
Freelance Opportunities via LDF	Income-generating
Open Studio Facilitation Option	Paid opportunity
Shared Visibility & Campaigns	\$1,500–\$3,000/year
Access to LDF Network + Discounts on Production Services	Up to \$2,000/year
Infrastructure Mentoring by Milan Tanedjikov (6 hrs/semester)	\$1,200/year
<b>Your Cost</b>	<b>\$275/month (\$3,300/year)</b>

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## Acknowledgment

LIGNES DE FUITE values its Designers-in-Residence as key members of its creative ecosystem. Their work, professionalism, and collaboration help shape a thriving and dynamic fashion incubator.

Signed:

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Designer

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Milan Tanedjikov, for LIGNES DE FUITE

