

THE POWERS HOUSE PROJECT



The Powers House Project (TPHP) has developed organically, following the ongoing artists' need of creative space, *community* and natural retreat from the city. Based at the historic Powers House, this residency offers living and working space to artists, musicians and writers, including their families and collaborators as needed.

The Powers House is located in Troy, NY, surrounded by a large, green property on the Hudson riverfront, across from the public Powers Park. Originally called Lansingburgh, this part of the city has a long and rich history. Two blocks from TPHP is the [Herman Melville](#) house, now home to the [Lansingburgh Historic Society](#).

The Powers House itself is named after [Mrs. Deborah Ball Powers](#), the first and most influential businesswoman in Troy, NY, who developed her husband's oilcloth business to international recognition. Praised for her philanthropy, Mrs. Powers donated several properties such as the adjacent to the house park to the city of Troy for the public good.

Inspired by her humanity and generosity, we decided to devote some of our time and property to creating space for artistic reflection and retreat, which could serve as a generator of new ideas and experimentation. We truly believe in improving our environment through creative practices, in developing relationships with the natural world and immediate community and creating grounds for a new and just society.

Our process involves site visits, exchanges, collaborations, education and partnerships with local and international artists and organizations.