

Artist in Residence Program Altes Spital

Altes Spital Solothurn offers Artists from all over the world a three months art residency which can be extended for one month. Have the opportunity to work in Swiss provincial town and meet local Artists.

The goals of the Artist in Residence program are:

- Exchange between Guest artists and local Artists or cultural culprits.
- Support cooperation and dialog between Guest artists and local artists.
- Give access to the Swiss art history. (Guest artists receive the museums pass, which allows free entry to most museums in Switzerland).
- Presentation of the artwork or studies at the end of the residency.
- Guest artist are invited to organise open studios and workshops.

Altes Spital Solothurn, Switzerland

The Altes Spital is located in centre city in the historical district and lies directly at the river Aare. The historical Altes Spital Solothurn, with its multilateral possibilities, serves individuals of all age groups and organizations as a meeting place for leisure and creation by attending workshops and events. The cultural department of the Altes Spital organizes concerts, film demonstrations and parties year around.

The Altes Spital Solothurn is an important place of culture. Every year, events such as the National Film, the National Literature and the National Health events and meetings are held at the Altes Spital. The Altes Spital is also famous for its inhouse Spanish, Tamilian and Kurdish centres. Those centres are open to the public and offer meals and cultural events.

Residency Program

The residency program of the Altes Spital in Solothurn offers a studio and an apartment for artists from all around the world. The duration of the residency is three months. An additional month is possible.

The guest artist will have access to a large studio to create his/her work and an apartment including a complete kitchen, a bathroom, 2 beds, telephone, W-Lan and TV.

Studios and workshops for screen printing, photo and woodcarving are also available for the guest artist.

Altes Spital helps to organize a work show or presentation at the end of the residency; the jurors can give support to invited artists.

Living in Altes Spital

Living room, atelier and workshops are located in a very active and lively house. We require our guest artists to be self-organized. Knowledge of the German, French or English language is a must. The guest artist will be responsible for the care of his/her studio and apartment during the period of the residency. The offer contains the costs for the apartment and studio. The guest artist will be responsible for the costs of living, social insurance and project-contributions.

Residency Periods

April 5–June 30 (until summer holidays)

August 5–October 30

December 5–February 28

The residence period may be extended by maximal one month after consultation.

Deadline for Applications

Deadline for applications for each year is the 30 April, 12 resp. 15 month in advance.
(For example: Deadline for the application of the residency-period August 2011 until October 2011 will be the 30th of April 2010)

Work Sample Requirements

- Submit Photos or a CD-ROM or a DVD of works completed in the last two years. One photo for each work. Mark each photo with your name and a number corresponding to the numbers on an accompanying photo list that includes the artist's name, title of the piece, medium, size and year of completion. Quality of the photos is very important. Do not send originals.
- Artist working with new media such as DVD and performer, composers or musicians sent 3–4 works completed in the last two years.
- Please include also a resume and a statement.
- Include a self-addressed envelope.
- Application sent without coupons of response will not be reviewed. (International coupons of response are available at the post office).
- Altes Spital cannot be responsible for materials that are damaged and mislabeled. Please label all material clearly and wrap it carefully for shipping in order to give your work every opportunity to be included properly in the jury process. Do not send originals. Do not send your only copy.

Acceptance

The jurors will review applications and supporting materials. Final acceptance to residency and exhibition is at the discretion of Altes Spital. The notification will be mailed by beginning of June. Entry materials sent by the selected candidate for the residency will be held in Altes Spital. Jurors meeting will be each end of May.

The jurors are:

Director of Art Residency Altes Spital Solothurn | Gabriella V. Affolter, Kreativwerkstatt factory008, Leuzigen | Fränze Aerni, Cultural dispositions, Solothurn | Member of the executive board Künstlerhaus S11 Solothurn | Thomas Steinbeck, Kurt Stalder Architekturforum Touringhaus, Solothurn | Felix Flury, Galerie SO, Solothurn | Roswitha Schild, Kunstverein Solothurn.

Summary

- Deadline for applications: April 30
- Notification: Begin of June
- Residency periods: April 5–June 30 | August 5–October 30 | December 5–February 28
- Additional time: maximum one month

For further informations regarding the residency program, please contact:

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For Visas

Please contact the Embassy of Switzerland in your home country.

Application Form

Please read application guidelines before completing this form.

_ Part 1.

Permanent Address

First Name:

Last name:

Address:

Street:

City:

State: Zip:

Telephone home:

Telephone work:

E-mail:

Date of birth:

Occupation:

Emergency Contact

First Name:

Last Name:

Address:

Street:

City:

State: Zip:

Telephone home:

Telephone work:

E-mail:

_ Part 2.

Information about you and your Project

· Curriculum vitae:



· Resume about your work as artists:

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· Reason for the application:

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· Description of the artwork you want to realize in the residency:

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I affirm that all the information is complete and accurate, and that any work presented represents the achievement of my creative effort.

Applicant's Signature:

Date:

Final Instructions – Applications Check List

- Application form (3 pages)
- Photo Sheet (10–20 Photos) or CD-ROM or DVD
- Resume
- Statement
- Description of the residency work
- Self-address envelope with international coupons of response

Send application form and materials to

Director of Art Residency Altes Spital – Oberer Winkel 2 – CH-4500 Solothurn – Switzerland

_ Part 3.

Questions

· What else would you like us to know about you?

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· How did you hear about Altes Spital?

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· Have you been a resident at other artist's communities?

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