

2018 ARTISTIC RESIDENCE, promoted by the Cultural Association Gammazita, Catania.

Promoter

The no-profit Cultural Association Gammazita, thanks to the efforts of its activists, has been active since Spring 2013, in the working-class district of San Cristoforo sited around the medieval Castello Ursino, right in the historic city centre of Catania. The activities have been characterised by the intention to recover social and urban spaces through direct actions aiming to take care of one of the most cultural interesting sites in Eastern Sicily.

The Association is also promoter of the “**Ursino Buskers**”, an international self-financed festival of street performing arts, which brings the magic and charm of contemporary circus, theatre, music and many more surprising artistic acts in the area of the Castello Ursino; during three days the local streets and squares are crowded with several among national and international artists who give life to amazing performances dedicated to kids, youngsters and adults.

Artistic residence

The association announces, as for previous years, a selection for an artistic residence with the aim to provide artists with the proper conditions to deepen their artistic projects. The announcement is addressed to actors, dancers, musicians, circus performers and to all those who actively participate in creating and spreading contemporary performing arts. The association believes that an artistic residence, besides offering a place for artists to work, is mainly a valid alternative to traditional gatherings and can guarantee a cultural growth to everybody, thanks to a continuous research from part of the artist, and the contact and involvement of the inhabitants in related side activities (performances, workshops, trainings and so on...)

The objective of the residence is to establish, promote and enhance the artistic residency network in the city of Catania and in the region of Sicily. It also represents an important mean of renewal of artistic processes, of mobility and of artistic exchange as occasion for common growth.

What the residence offers:

- The possibility to use a space, for minimum 7 up to maximum 20 days, where to train, create, experiment, and give birth to your project.
- The chance to work in Sicily and enjoy all the island can offer.
- A place to stay for maximum 2 persons with separated kitchen, in the nearby of the Association location and of the rehearsing space.
- Cooperation and support from the activists for all the necessary working steps.

What the residence demands to participants:

Every project will have to return, as a compensation for the stay, a performance/public rendering to be represented at the Association site or in a correlated space. The rendering can be presented in form of a showing, reading, artistic installation, workshop for the neighborhood kids, theatre or street circus performance, concert, etc. It will be offered without any compensation for the artists and without any fee for the public. The rendering doesn't have to necessarily derive from the activities directly related with the residence, but coherence and continuity with the project will be considered as a preference criteria for the preliminary projects' selection. Therefore projects including a preview, a final presentation or “mise en scène” will be granted priority.

Eligibility criteria

The projects can be submitted by:

- a) Legally established collective professional production entities;
- b) Informal groups or solo artists, professionally active for at least two years, within the performing field (documented by means of curriculum, video material and/or press review) with particular focus/reference to the new generations and/or to people under 35 years old and to emerging authors;
- c) All projects which have not yet been launched or are currently underway and have not yet debuted at the date of the present announcement.

Additional criteria

The following are considered additional criteria for the selection:

- Presenting projects strictly connected with acting, dancing, circus, sound and different arts performing;
- Presenting projects intended to involve the local community, youth and/or local artists;
- Presenting projects that provide a pedagogical and/or educational focus on performing arts;
- Presenting projects meaning to improve reality and its perception, to research methods to motivate new reactions and new related way of sensing. Projects that intend to foster new relations to the identity concept, to facilitate exchange, and to develop new ways of producing and communicating arts;

How to apply

To apply to the selection send the following attachments:

1. **Request of participation** (you can download the attachment in the selection advice). In case the request is sent by a collective you will have to fill in a single request, specifying the data of the contact person in the collective.
2. **Cover Letter** where to explain reasons and motivations to apply, besides stating the dates you would like to join the residence (not longer than one page);
3. **Detailed updated CV**. In case of a collective you will have to send each of the members' CV besides the CV of the collective, if possible;
4. **Portfolio** with texts, images, links to webpages, press reviews or videos (by sending via e.mail you won't be able to send more than 1MB);
5. **Brief description of the unreleased project** (maximum 3 pages) you would like to develop during the residence period, with images/ sounds or video files attached. The document will have to include:
 - motivations;
 - objectives;
 - subject/s of the project;
 - Technical data details;
 - Proposal of activities to raise public awareness, specifying to which kind of public you would address the proposal;

The selection is open from April up to December 2018. The months of July, August and September are excluded.

Applications have to be sent to the following e.mail address: comunicazionegammazita@gmail.com

In the e-mail subject please make clear reference to this announcement of selection, as follows: **artist/ company name – Bando per Residenza d'Artista Associazione Gammazita**

The selection will be made on the basis of the received documents and the decision of the members of Cultural Association Gammazita will be final.

The residence period will have to be agreed with the organization.

Feedback and communication will be given within 15 days after the application will be received.

Incomplete applications or applications arriving after the submission deadline will not be accepted.

The organization declines every responsibility for anomalies related to the online transmission of the data.

GENERAL RULES AND PROCESSING OF PERSONAL DATA:

By sending the application you agree with all parts of the announcement of selection. The sending of the attachments constitutes a declaration of release for your material any use that the Organization will make of it in order to promote the project. The decision of the Committee regarding the selection, the application and the interpretation of the present announcement are final.

Participants authorize the Organization, according to current Italian directives (Law No. 196 of 30 June, 2003) on privacy policy, as to the treatment of personal data, video, pictures and statements for promotional and management purposes, and any use related to the promotional aims of the Association.