

Open Call ERIAC/Villa Romana in Florence

Artist Residencies in Florence for Two Roma Contemporary Artists in 2023

Following the successful collaboration in 2020, 2021, and 2022, the **European Roma Institute for Arts and Culture (ERiac)** is happy to join forces again with **Villa Romana** and its artist residency programme to offer **two residencies** to **Roma contemporary artists**. This exciting initiative draws upon the ground-breaking work, expertise, and vision of both institutions to realize a unique opportunity for international artists with self-declared Roma origin and marks a significant step in recognition of the importance of Romani contemporary art practice today.

Through the cooperation of Villa Romana and ERIAC, the residency offers artists the opportunity to focus entirely on their work, to seek an exchange with other artists and fellows at the Villa Romana and in the regional environment, and to engage with the art historical heritage on site.

The program will support two selected artists and commits itself to give visibility to Romani contemporary arts. The works produced during the Roma contemporary art residencies will be exhibited at ERIAC's art spaces at a later stage. An international jury is responsible to review the portfolio of the candidates and select the two artists for the 2023 residency program.

Members of the international Jury:

Elena Agudio (art historian and curator, director of Villa Romana)

Daniel Baker (artist, curator of FUTUROMA at the 2019 Venice Biennale)

Luna De Rosa (artist, former Villa Romana resident)

Timea Junghaus (curator, art historian, executive director of ERIAC)

Maria Lind (curator, writer, educator, and Cultural Counsellor at the Embassy of Sweden in Moscow)

Schedule:

The residencies will take place in 2023 (in June and September), and the selected artists will be provided with a guest room in the Villa Romana for a period of one month each.

The selected artists receive a monthly stipend in the amount of **1000 Euros**. Travel expenses, including visa and related costs, are also covered.

Application Deadline:

21 March 2023

Jury Session:

April 2023

Eligibility Requirements:

Visual artists with self-declared Roma identity, whose work provides a special contribution to contemporary art production.

We do not require a special description of the planned project.

Please send your CV and a portfolio (digital, if possible) and information for which month of the residency are you applying by **21 March 2023** to eriac@eriac.org with the subject line: **2023 Villa Romana residency application**

Former Villa Romana Residents, International Guest Artists who participated in the program:

2022 - Dariya Kanti and Luna De Rosa

2021 - L'uboš Kotlar and Norbert Oláh

2020 - Robert Gabris and Małgorzata Mirga-Tas

About Villa Romana and ERIAC:

Villa Romana is a place of contemporary artistic production and of international exchange. Founded in 1905 by artists and patrons, it still operates as a non-profit association. Every year it hosts four Villa Romana award winners (this year: Jessica Ekomane, Diana Ejaita, Samuel Kortey Baah, Pınar Öğrenci), as well as international guest artists. With its programme of workshops, exhibitions, and a wide range of public events, Villa Romana strives to promote interaction between artists and the public, to engage and support different local communities and expand its international network. The current programme launched by the new director unfolds under the title: *A House For Mending, Troubling, Repairing.*

www.villaromana.org

ERiac was officially established on 7 June 2017, in Berlin, Germany. The Institute is a joint initiative of the Council of Europe (CoE), the Open Society Foundations (OSF), and the Roma Leaders' initiative – the Alliance for the European Roma Institute. ERIAC has a unique mandate as the first transnational organization for the recognition of Roma arts and culture. The Institute functions as a transnational creative hub, supporting the exchange of creative ideas across borders, cultural domains, and Romani identities. ERIAC highlights the numerous and multifaceted Romani contributions to European culture, talent, success, and achievement, as well as documenting the historical experiences of Romani people across Europe.

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