

**KAIR Košice Artist in Residence and the Artist Exchange Program of the Budapest Gallery invite visual or interdisciplinary artistic duos (no need to have previous collaboration) based or coming from Budapest, Hungary to take part in the three-months residency in Košice, Slovakia.**

**Application deadline: 2021. 11. 01.**

**Date of results: 2021. 11. 30.**

In 2021, the KAIR residency program focuses on connecting individuals and sharing the responsibility to the world in the time of crisis. The aim of the project is not only to analyze the current situation but especially to look critically at its consequences and the near and distant future. We are all experiencing the very personal and often emotional impact of a common global crisis (pandemic, environmental, economic, social, etc.). Many of us share feelings of fear and anxiety, vulnerability or environmental sadness. It is important to think about the environment in which we live and share with other living organisms. Living space for people is constantly expanding, the way of life shaped by capitalism affects and irreversibly disrupts our fragile ecosystems, following the beginning of an impending catastrophe. For the daily running of the world, unlimited mobility of people and goods is a matter of course today. We must take this into account to protect this and the next generation and to be able to adapt to existing and new challenges. The year 2020 brought, together with the pandemic, the term "social distance". What does this term mean, what are its consequences? Isn't this just a time for connection, cooperation and solidarity? During and after the crisis, we must focus on building and supporting future relations, looking for new or different forms of political and cultural group activities and coexistence. Especially during the global crisis, emphasis must be placed on protecting the human rights of all citizens. The state of emergency and the preservation of public health can be used as an excuse for the segregation of minorities. That is why we should try to strengthen the position of minorities, improve their self-image and expose the stereotypes that are still present in the thinking of the majority of the population.

**For the residency in Košice, we would like to ask artists to analyze the present situation and think**

**about the future, and to address one or more of the following questions through visual arts or their overlap into scientific disciplines, sound art, new media or performance:**

Is the current crisis causing a change in thinking and personal values? Or is it just temporary?

What are the possible new or different forms of political and cultural group activities and coexistence? And how does the environment in which we live, including other living organisms, fit into this coexistence?

How could the world slow down in the fight against the virus so that our society and economy respect our fragile ecosystems?

What are the results and consequences of the process of moving between different places on Earth and beyond?

How can the protection of human rights be ensured for all citizens? And what can we do to protect this and future generations?

## **KAIR Košice Artist in Residence**

Košice Artist in Residence is an international residency program for artists from all over the world and all artistic disciplines and expressions. KAIR is strongly focused on the creation of international cooperation between Slovak and foreign artists and art organizations. Since 2011, artists have had the chance to work in the inspiring environment of Košice's singular cultural surroundings, realize art projects, collaborate with the agile local art scene, and present themselves to the local and national public. KAIR also provides opportunities for Slovak artists to travel for residencies in cooperation with its partners. KAIR offers two separate studios approx. 20 m<sup>2</sup> in size, suitable for visual artists. The studios are connected to the Šopa Gallery, where the activities of the residency in Košice will take place.

WEB: [www.kair.sk](http://www.kair.sk)

FB: <https://www.facebook.com/KosiceArtistInResidence>

IG: <https://www.instagram.com/kair.residency>

**The Artist Exchange Program, founded in 1989 and overseen by Budapest Gallery, is one of the oldest running residency programs in Budapest. The program's main goals are to offer opportunities for Hungarian artists to familiarize themselves with foreign cultures and to introduce artists from abroad to the Budapest art scene. During the past three decades, the Budapest Gallery has managed partnerships with more than ten institutes across Europe. To apply for the one-month or two-month residency offered by the Budapest Gallery, artists should contact the nearest partner institute and apply through it.**

The Budapest Gallery Artist Exchange Program

WEB: [https://budapestgaleria.hu/\\_/en/about-the-artist-exchange-program/](https://budapestgaleria.hu/_/en/about-the-artist-exchange-program/)

IG: <https://www.instagram.com/budapestgaleria/>

### **What KAIR provides to the artist:**

- A three-month residency in Košice, Eastern Slovakia: **April - June 2022**
- Free accommodation and studio
- Honorarium 700 € per person / monthly
- Travel costs (one-time return, most favorable connection) max. 100 € in total
- Material costs max. 400 € in total

**The residency also offers:**

- Curatorial support
- Connection with the local cultural scene
- Connection and collaboration with local communities
- Production and PR support

**What KAIR expects from the artists:**

- Participation during the Open Studios Night to introduce themselves to the local audience.
- One individual presentation or workshop during the residency.
- Final presentation/exhibition at the end of the residency.
- Compulsory attendance.

**HOW TO APPLY****The application should consist of four PDF in English**

- a portfolio with selected works, including visuals and concepts, uploaded as one pdf file (max. 10 pages and up to 10MB). Video works should be submitted via active links to YouTube, Vimeo or other video platforms;
- an artist statement that primarily addresses your artistic practice and work (max. 1000 characters with spaces);
- motivation letter: please describe your motivation to take part in the residency and the ideas or topics you would like to work with during the residency ((max. 3500 characters with spaces);
- Curriculum Vitae including your formal and/or informal education and professional collaborations and basic information (Name, Address, Email, Website).

**SELECTION CRITERIA****During the selection process, the jury will give priority to the artists who:**

- are active; even students can apply, if they are already active in their practice,
- reflect one or more topics of the KAIR project in their application,
- are based or coming from Budapest.

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**The three-month residency is organized in cooperation with the Budapest Gallery.**

**The residency program is also supported using public funding by Slovak Arts Council.**