

## Open Call - Circa Residency

Circa 106 was originally conceived as a student-run project space, which would be open to host a series of exhibitions and lectures, with the aim of providing a safe and welcoming space to initiate dialogues among artists and the community. We initiated with a lot of enthusiasm in April and right after the opening of the first exhibition we were confronted with the decision to close the physical space temporarily due to the pandemic situation. Nevertheless, we found alternative ways to connect and exhibit, by thinking of the online platform as an exhibition space. We hosted a series of exhibitions, talks and even an online publication release. Now four months have passed and we are thinking of methods and strategies to gradually reopen the space to the public. As a space, we are interested in thinking together what it means to re-open and re-activate a space.

Since the pandemic has severely affected the access for artists to proper working space, as well as making it difficult to access educational or exhibition institutions, we would like to propose a Residency project that allow artists to feel encouraged to resume their artistic processes, in conjunction with initiating a possible artistic collaboration. For this matter, we propose an experimental residency program, where **two** artists will use the space from the **1st of October** to the **31st of October**. These two artists **would not be physically present in the space simultaneously**, but rather we will find a time table together which will allow for the equal distribution of time. **This is the principal premise of this residency, collaboration which occurs through materials + placed ideas, rather than physical contact and direct spoken language.**

Moreover, we are thinking of the architectural space as an instigator of possible communal thinking. We propose to use the small Winter garden as a “moodboard space”, where ideas/thoughts can be clearly exposed by each individual artist, and also be open for further edits, transformation, amplification etc. Employing strategies such as, leaving notes, sketches, images, books, art work in the space from one person and asking the other one to pick up on and reflect accordingly, in order to continue the collaborative circle. So if the larger room can function as a workspace for the person to have solitude and focus to study and experiment, the Wintergarten opens the space for sharing and collaboration.

As part of the residency, we will organize two online studio visits with curators/thinkers that have a connection to the artist’s practice. If the pandemic conditions allow for, we would like to collectively think with the participants of methods of hosting an exhibition, lecture, screening or the modality that would best fit the work produced. We would also invite the artist to use our already existing online infrastructure, both the website and instagram.

To apply please send your CV, Portfolio, short residency proposal or a short text which shows your current research to [info@circa106.info](mailto:info@circa106.info) by the **21st of September 2020**.

An external jury will review the applications and a response will be sent the 25th of September to the selected applicants.

The residency includes a 200 Euro material allowance. Please note that at the moment we are unable to offer accomodation.

**Please refer to the Circa's website for further pictures of the space**

**Further detail regarding the space and hygiene concept:**

**Equipment available for artists:**

Two chairs - one desk - one sofa, extensions, lights, desk lamp, microwave, a water boiler and a Coffee Pot.

Projector, speakers, drill, tool box, general gallery equipment, fridge

**Hygiene Concept**

The residents can only use the space from **9am to 8pm**.

Only **one** person can be using the space of Circa at a time.

The downstairs bathroom will be used only by the artist.

The residency will take place **exclusively in the gallery space**, the use of the adjacent living room and kitchen is not possible.

The space will be provided with desinfecting materials, please always disinfect the spaces before and after using them.



