

Tuesday, May 28, 2024

French Artist Residency for Dancers, Choreographers and Artists

Company: Moulin/Belle

Location: Mareuil-en-Perigord, Nouvelle-Aquitaine

Compensation: \$0, except for travel stipend for selected fellows

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Moulin/Belle is an in process art residency founded in 2020 in Mareuil en Perigord in southwest France. Moulin/Belle provides space for artists to slow down and reconnect with themselves, nature and their creativity. Moulin/Belle is located in the town of Mareuil, en Perigord, population about 900 people. IG: @moulinbelleperigord FB page: Moulin/Belle FB group: Moulin/Belle Community

APPLICATION: <https://forms.gle/Hy1csUoue4tgjDxH6>

APPLICATIONS ARE OPEN FOR 2024 (Spots still available July-October) and 2025 (May-November).

All applicants will receive a response, selected applicants will move on to the interview phase. PLEASE CHECK YOUR SPAM FOLDER if you have not received a response within one week, or contact us at lemoulinlabelle@gmail.com

VALUES

Creativity

We believe creativity enriches our lives--it helps us cope, live with ambiguity, notice patterns, make connections, take risks and persevere. We believe creativity is vital to health, and that often a creative outlet can provide healing, even if done casually.

Sustainability

We believe sustainability means sustenance, nourishment, time, energy, community and financial stability. We are committed to creating a sustainable ecosystem on many levels.

Simplicity

We believe simplicity allows us to create space to return to earth, to ourselves, to our breath, to our priorities, to our work.

Accessibility

We believe in offering an open and accessible space with multiple pathways for international and local creatives, including those within marginalized communities, to arrive, engage and thrive.

CREATIVE EXCHANGE PROGRAM

Moulin/Belle is an old mill, about 200 years old, and some spaces are "completed" and some need to be completely renovated. A day might look like gardening in the morning, lunch with fellow artists, a few hours in the dance studio, and a hike in the evening. We hope you build community with the other artists here and the local artists, too. We welcome feedback in the moment and after to make this the best experience for you and future participants.

You are responsible for all other meals. There is a weekly green market, grocery, pharmacy, butcher, bakery, wine cave and more, all within walking distance.

We will all be living under one roof, so we hope to give each other both time for connection and time for reflection. We expect contributions to maintaining the common areas as a daily practice. Currently we will host 2-6 participants at a time. We speak English and French. We have a border collie, Jeudi, but he is not allowed in bedrooms due to allergies.

YOU GET:

- A private or shared room
- Reasonable use of the space and its gifts (vegetables, herbs, etc,)

- Use of the kitchen, common areas and amenities (washer, wifi etc)
- Work space (please let us know--do you need a table to paint outside, a music studio, etc)
- Dedicated solo dance studio space (Generally around 2-4 hours/day)
- A new community

YOU GIVE:

- Commit to work 3 hours per week, with an agreed upon schedule ahead of time.
- Subsidized fee of 30/night (shared large room, 2 people max) or 40/night (solo medium room) or 60/night (large private room)
- NEW! Private off grid cabin, available July-September 30euro/night
- One time 25 euro cleaning fee
- Agree to house rules, leaving no trace, and respecting the space, the other people living in the house with you, the earth and the local community
- Purchase travel insurance (very affordable) for the duration of your stay (optional)
- Completing an exit survey to help us continue to craft the best experience for participants (optional)

OTHER OPTIONS:

Tuesday ballroom dance (5 euros), Thursday Zumba (5 euros), Visiting the Ceramic Studio, Hiking the forest trails, Yoga (9 euros)

TRAVELING HERE:

Details provided upon acceptance. From Paris there is a 2.5 hour train to Angouleme, and then a easy 40 minute bus to our town, Mareuil en Perigord. We are also accessible from the Bordeaux airport.

OUR HOPE:

We sincerely hope this work exchange is an opportunity to connect and learn, but also to discover southwest France, and to relax. We welcome feedback in the moment and after to make this the best experience for you and future work-exchange participants. We hope you have time and space to put your feet in the river, visit the local castle, go to the market, and exhale.

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