



RESIDENCIES
AT
PLUM YARD

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CALL

OPEN CALL NEW WAYS 2023

Švestkový Dvůr/Plum Yard is opening a call for artistic residencies within the project NEW WAYS 2023.

The NEW WAYS 2023 project is focused on finding new, innovative ways of sharing and mediating artistic performances and cultural experiences to the audience. In recent years, the cultural and artistic space in the Czech Republic and in the world had to deal with fundamental changes, and the traditional forms of meeting artists with the audience were also significantly limited for many months. Many performers are still looking for new ways of sharing the results of their work with the audience. The NEW WAYS project is focused precisely on the search for new, innovative ways of sharing and mediating artistic performances.

Švestkový Dvůr/Plum Yard opens a platform for presenting your projects. The topic and working method depends on the artists entirely. The theme of the 2023 project is the "empty chair" phenomenon currently resonating in the independent art world. Most dance and theater productions are currently struggling with a small attendance capacity for individual performances. The hunger for culture has not re-appeared, and the half-empty auditoriums present new questions to the creators. How to appeal to the audience again? Where to meet and in what form and environment? (theatre hall, open air, immersive theater, site-specific...) How much to involve the audience during the performance? How to rediscover a common desire to share and offer topics for joint discussion? These questions will be the main priority for those interested in residency co-productions at Švestkový Dvůr/Plum Yard in 2023.

We are looking for projects with a focus primarily on the practical search or development of new possibilities for sharing performance art with the audience (including the use of modern technologies). We offer space for creation, accommodation, as well as production and technical support.

The outcome of the residency will be shared as a public presentation within the regular programme of Švestkový Dvůr/Plum Yard (in November), either in the form of a live performance, online or a combination of both.

The selection of projects will take place in the second half of March by the artistic committee of Švestkový Dvůr/Plum Yard.

What do we offer:

- 2 residencies (theatre/dance), each 14 days long at Švestkový Dvůr/Plum Yard
- technical equipment and support during the residency
- production support
- accommodation
- artistic fee for creation and public presentation (20 000 CZK per group)

Who can participate:

- artists from the Czech Republic and abroad
- groups of 3-6 people
- groups working on new performance or an adaptation of an existing one

Schedule:

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| 15 March 2023 | deadline |
| 31 March 2023 | selection process |
| April – October 2023 | residencies |
| November 2023 | public presentation |

Please include with your application:

- project description (1-2 pages)
- information about the artistic team (CV, portfolio etc.)
- short motivation letter

Send the applications to anna@svestkovydvur.cz no longer than 15 March 2023.

Švestkový Dvůr /Plum Yard was established in 2013 and since then provides support to various cultural activities in a small village called Malovice (Region of South Bohemia, Czech Republic). The organization's activities are defined by 4 main areas: creation (theatre, dance, puppetry, music, visual arts etc.), artistic and cultural programme for public, residencies and community projects.

The residency program offers the possibility of short-term and long-term stays focused on research, creation, or finishing of an artistic project to individuals or groups from the Czech Republic and abroad in a space with provided accommodation, kitchen, theatre hall with technical equipment, a rehearsal room, studios and workshops for the production of scenography. Projects that are created within the residences are usually part of the Švestkový Dvůr's programme for public.

The residency programme at Švestkový Dvůr/Plum Yard in 2023 has been financially supported by the Ministry of culture of the Czech Republic, Czech National Recovery Plan and the EU.