



RESIDENCIES
AT
PLUM YARD

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CALL

OPEN CALL FIRST BASE 2023

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

The FIRST BASE project focuses on supporting the creation of young theatre makers who work with material and puppets. Švestkový Dvůr/Plum Yard will provide artists with space to practically search and experiment with material and its subsequent use in the creation of an author's theatre performance.

Czech puppetry represents an intangible cultural asset. Throughout its existence, it has been recognized as an important cultural and social phenomenon. It was a phenomenon in the Czech lands in the 19th century, the so-called family puppet theater, which was passed down from generation to generation as a family craft, therefore continuously developed. Thanks to many personalities (M. Kopecký, O. Bubeníček, V. Skála, etc.), puppetry is currently perceived as a unique art form. Švestkový Dvůr/Plum Yard thus opens up space for a young generation of creators with the ambition to continue this tradition.

The residency (14 days in the period between April and October) is designed for emerging puppetry artists or a group of artists. The outcome of the residency will be shared as a public presentation within the regular programme of Švestkový Dvůr/Plum Yard (in November).

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:

- residency at Švestkový Dvůr/Plum Yard (14 days)
- 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 with puppets (new performance creation)

Schedule:

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.