

OPEN CALL BIRCA QUEER ARTIST RESIDENCY

19 June - 2 July, 2023

DEADLINE APPLICATIONS 31 January 23



BIRCA Queer is an artist residency for 5 established performing artists (from all types and practices of contemporary performing arts) who self identify as queer. The 5 artists will be in residency simultaneously to create opportunities for sharing and exchange amongst them. The residency takes place at BIRCA - Bækkelund International Residency Center, on the island of Bornholm, Denmark. In this residency we want to address the wellbeing of Earth by addressing correlation of the ecological environment, social dynamics and individual-mental processes. During the residency, the artists can work on their own projects and are also expected to partake in a dialogue with the other resident artists.

During the residency, the artists will have access to work spaces in BIRCA to work on their individual processes and we will also facilitate designated sessions where the artists will come together to reflect and exchange. Whilst there is no expectation from the host, such exchange between the residency artists might lead to the possibility of a co-creation. We are facilitating a space for sharing, where we value care, trust and safety whilst offering room for dialogue on the particular experience that is being a queer performing artist. To learn more about what spaces are available in BIRCA, please visit our website.

We will utilise tools and processes to balance structural frameworks for freedom of creation based on BIRCA's mantra of Radical Openness consisting of transparency, co-creation, sharing and

empowerment. We at BIRCA strive to foster a dynamic and nurturing artistic dialogue and conversation and we also want to create a supportive context in which such processes can occur.

A unique aspect of this residency is communal dining and meal planning where more casual and personal bonding and sharing can take place, always to the level of comfort and will of the participating individuals.

At the end of the residency, there will be a public, yet very non-conclusive and non-formal work-in-progress showing presented jointly by the cohort of the 5 artists, followed by feedback sessions. This is solely an opportunity to share what has happened in the residency with the local community and includes no pressure at all to present a “product” as such.

BIRCA Queer is taking place on the island of Bornholm, Denmark and is led by **Susanne Danig/BIRCA** in collaboration with choreographer and dancer **Israel Aloni/iIDance** – they will select participants and plan the residency. Israel will be present at the residency and will support the artists in residency in whichever way would be conducive to their process, and will facilitate some of the collective exchange sessions.

Accommodation and food expenses will be covered and we will reimburse up to 300 EUR/2200 DKK in travel expenses and pay an artist fee of 670 EUR/5000 DKK.

Note: the residency is open to applicants from all around the world but we will only be able to reimburse up to 300 EUR for travel costs.

Read more about practical things at BIRCA here: <https://www.birca.org/en/practical-information>

To apply:

Send an application before the **31st of January 2023** with up to one page description of what you would like to do during this two week residency and why this residency suits you. Also, please attached CV and if possible, a link to a website where you are featured. Send all the above mentioned materials to info@birca.org.

Questions about all residencies should be directed to Susanne Danig susanne@birca.org