

La Alquería de los Artistas, Valencia, Spain

La Alquería de los Artistas, an initiative by the Foundation InspirArte, is a recently established center for artistic creation and experimentation. Located in the nature reserve of La Albufera, outside Valencia, Spain, it offers a quiet, beautiful environment for artists to work individually and collectively.

Every year, InspirArte will bestow up to 40 residency grants to artists of all disciplines, including literature, visual arts, theater, dance, film, photography, and music.

The goal of the foundation is to support and promote the creative work in an intimate, privileged environment, in order to enable artists of different disciplines to live and work together during their residency.

Each residency cycle lasts for up to four months and will host 10 artists at a time.

Far away from their daily life, artists will live in a Spanish finca, renovated in harmony with the environment. The key of the residency program is the interaction among artists of different disciplines, which is in fact an innovative idea in Spain.

The grant includes targeted efforts by the Foundation InspirArte to show and promote the work created during the residency at the Alquería. The foundation will establish contacts to galleries, museums, and other cultural institutions in Spain, and thus create an excellent platform for the artists to initiate artistic activities in various Spanish cities and to attract media attention.

InspirArte is also well connected internationally; for example it is a member of Res Artis (International Association of Residential Arts Centres and Networks) and The Alliance of Artists Communities, among other international arts organizations.

The board and advisory committee of InspirArte are made up of renowned art professionals and dignitaries in Spain.

InspirArte will feature conferences, workshops, concerts, panel discussion, exhibitions, as well as especially designed courses linking art and the environment.

At the end of a residency cycle, a final show will feature all the artists' works. Artists will also receive a DVD containing all the activities of the year. A weeklong festival will be held at the end of each year, showcasing the works created at the Alquería.

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