

EXECAL Residence at La Becque – summer 2019

FAQ

What is La Becque Artist Residency?

La Becque artist residency was developed under the auspices of the Fondation Françoise Siegfried-Meier. A violinist of renown born in 1914, Françoise Siegfried-Meier showed an unswerving commitment to the artists of her time.

Generous and passionate, she expressed a wish to durably support a number of public organizations and institutions, particularly in the field of the arts, by creating a foundation bearing her name. Françoise Siegfried-Meier wish for her family's domain in La Tour-de-Peilz to become a haven of creativity and exchange is now realized through La Becque, a residency infrastructure that is a natural fit for this unique and stunningly beautiful site.

La Becque ambitions to host and to foster the creativity of artists of all backgrounds and disciplines. Residents will benefit from an exceptional location and infrastructure, as well as networks conducive to accomplishing the project they have been selected for.

What is the EXECAL Residence at La Becque?

The residency program EXECAL Residence at La Becque results from the partnership between ECAL/University of Art and Design Lausanne and the artist residency La Becque. The first joint venture between the artist residency and an art and design school, the ECAL x La Becque initiative aims at fostering research projects and promoting excellence in art and design education.

Therefore, during the summer 2019, the EXECAL Residence at La Becque will offer three ECAL alumni the opportunity to each participate in a four-week residency, exploring the intersection of nature and technology, while benefiting from the unique infrastructure that La Becque has to offer. Regardless of the discipline it is developed in, the residency project will later be integrated into a digital catalogue showcasing the EXECAL Residences at La Becque.

How can I participate in La Becque's Principal Residency Program?

By applying: the 2019 EXECAL Residence programs at La Becque's call for applications is open from December 12, 2018 to January 20, 2019 on www.ecal.ch.

Who can apply to the EXECAL Residence at La Becque?

The call for applications is open to all ECAL alumni from all disciplines having graduated at least three years before the beginning of the residency programs at La Becque in summer 2019 (i.e. applicants must have graduated in 2016 at the latest).

Emerging as well as established artists are welcome to apply – but applicants must be professional in their field and strive for excellence in it. Applicants must show proof of specialized training or an equivalent track record, recognition among their peers, and a history of publicly showing their work.

Are there other residency programs available at La Becque?

Yes. La Becque has its own Principal Residency program and has also developed several partner residency programs (such as with Pro Helvetia). These other programs have their own rules and own

juries. The EXECAL Residence at La Becque application criteria and guidelines as well as application form are only valid for said Program.

How long is the EXECAL residence at La Becque?

The EXECAL Residence at La Becque programs offers three residencies of a duration of each 26 days. Other durations are in principle not possible.

At the time of application, applicants must select a time period during which they can participate in the EXECAL Residence:

- July 8 - August 2, 2019
- August 5 - August 30, 2019
- September 2 - September 27, 2019

Can I postpone my residency?

No. For organizational reasons ECAL and La Becque can't postpone residencies that were granted for the summer 2019.

Can collaborators, duos, couples, or collectives apply for a residency?

Yes. Keep in mind however that the EXECAL Residences are for a specific project, whatever the constitution of the applicant, what we offer remains the same: collective applications must take into consideration that their members will share infrastructure and financial resources (see below what "the EXECAL Residency program includes").

How do I apply? What do I need to submit?

Applicants are asked to complete and upload documentations within the online application form (find the form on www.ecal.ch)

The following documents are required to apply to the EXECAL Residence at La Becque (please send the following items in a single PDF file):

- **Biography** - A brief professional biography (300 words maximum), in English or French.
- **Concept note** - A brief concept note (300 words maximum) about the project that you would like to conduct at La Becque, during the residency program in summer 2019.
Please note that your project must reflect on the current thematical focus of La Becque, the exploration of the joint themes of nature and technology, two notions which are more than ever intertwined and at the core of contemporary preoccupations, as well as highlight the reasons why the project will benefit from being developed at La Becque specifically.
Also, your project must have at least part of its outcome planned as digital content (coming from applicants' original practices, media and tools employed during the residency for work production and documentation can include, for example, video, photography, film, web design, any type of digital images (CGI, renderings, etc.), screen-based installations, video mapping, AR/VR/MR, etc.). The goal is to produce a digital catalogue including all EXECAL Residences at La Becque.
- **Presentation of recent works** - Describe the ideas behind your work in a way that helps the jurors understand its themes, concerns and intentions (300 words maximum).
- **Five images or videos/recordings of recent works** - A dossier with five images/videos/recordings of recent works, each with a brief description.
Videos/recordings must be uploaded to YouTube or Vimeo. Please include the appropriate links and passwords to the videos in the dossier.
- **Copy of ECAL degree** - A copy of your ECAL graduation certificate (BA, MA or MAS). All applicants must have graduated from ECAL and have finished their studies at least 3 years before the beginning of the residency program at La Becque in summer 2019 (i.e. applicants must have graduated in 2016 at the latest).

What is provided as part of the EXECAL Residence Program?

The EXECAL Residence at La Becque's program provides the opportunity for the selected residents to live and work on a unique site in La Tour-de-Peilz for the aforementioned period. Residents are provided with a live-work apartment for the time of their stay. The apartments are (as of 2018) brand-new, specifically designed for their artist-in-residence use. Each apartment is 80sqm in size, with a fully equipped kitchen, own washer and dryer, separate bedroom and bathroom and a flexible main live-work space of approx. 40sqm, plus a terrace facing Lake Geneva. Depending on the needs outlined by their residency project, residents will be granted exclusive or shared use of additional studio space. Our studios are 30sqm in size with 3.70m ceiling height and offer ample natural daylight.

As a reminder, the EXECAL Residence program includes:

- Compensation of travel expenses up to 800.00 CHF (round trip to and from Switzerland)
- A stipend of 1500.00 CHF for the duration of the residency (26 days)
- Accommodation and workspace
- Access to La Becque spaces and amenities
- Guidance and coaching provided by La Becque's management team
- Possible public events integration within the ECAL and La Becque programming
- Cross-promotion of the residency's resulting works on ECAL and La Becque platforms

What is required from residents during a residency?

Residents will be asked to abide by La Becque's house rules as well as by the terms of a General Agreement for the EXECAL Residence at La Becque. Residents are encouraged to interact with other residents and pertinent contacts provided by ECAL and La Becque.

Residents will conduct regular, simple progress checks with the La Becque's management. They will have to provide a residency report upon completion of their stay.

Ahead of starting their residency and with prior consultation of ECAL and La Becque, residents will be responsible for their travel and visa arrangements, and for making sure they have valid health and accident insurance covering their stay in Switzerland.

What do you mean by "the exploration of the joint themes of nature and technology – two notions which are more than ever intertwined and at the core of contemporary preoccupations" ?

A purposefully broad playfield, this thematic nexus opens up very different yet similarly rewarding avenues of exploration – for example: documenting what and who makes up the "Anthropocene"; using technological tools to document and transcribe natural environments into artistic contexts; exploring new junctures at which technology becomes part of our natural environments, and vice versa.

An interesting summary, or starting point for discussion, could be the following statement:

Nature, as both subject and object has been repeatedly rejected and reclaimed by artists over the last half century. With the dislocation of disciplinary boundaries in visual culture, art that is engaged with nature has also forged connections with a new range of scientific, historical and philosophical ideas. Developing technologies make our interventions into natural systems both increasingly refined and profound. Advances in biological and telecommunication technology continually modify the way we present ourselves. So too are artistic representations of nature (human and otherwise) being transformed. (Jeffrey Kastner, 2012)

Can I bring my family?

Yes. You can bring a partner and/or a child/children. Keep in mind however what we offer are the same resources: same infrastructure and same financial resources. La Becque does not provide specific child

care: children are the sole responsibility of the residents. They should also not interfere with the on-site life and work of other residents.

What language(s) is(are) spoken at La Becque?

Languages generally spoken at La Becque are English and French.

A good command of English is a requisite in order to function well with our staff as well as with other residents during one's stay.

French is a plus as it will help residents understand and navigate their immediate environment, but it is not a requisite criterion.

What does it cost to participate in the residency?

All costs that are not covered by the EXECAL Residence at La Becque are at the expense of the resident.

As a reminder, the EXECAL Residence program covers the accommodation and workspace during 26 days, travel costs up to 800.00 CHF, a stipend of 1500.00CHF to help the resident cover its daily expenses, transportation costs and potential production costs.

Who reviews my application?

Applications are first reviewed by ECAL and La Becque's administrative teams to make sure they fit the requirements outlined in the call for applications. Applications that fit requirements are then reviewed by a jury composed of diverse team members from ECAL, La Becque and the EXECAL association. Please note that, it would be pointless to submit a complaint against a decision by the jury, as jury act in complete independence and their decisions cannot be overturned.

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