

## APPLICATION OPEN FOR TWO MONTHS ARTIST RESIDENCY SCHOLARSHIP IN FLORENCE

To mark the upcoming installation of FUTUROMA at The Künstlerhaus Villa Romana in Florence in 2020, the European Roma Institute for Arts and Culture (ERIAN) has joined forces with the Villa Romana residency programme to offer two residencies to Roma contemporary artists under the age of 40. This exciting initiative draws upon the ground-breaking work, expertise and vision of both institutions to realise a unique opportunity for young Roma artists and marks a significant step in recognition of the importance of Roma contemporary art practice today. The FUTUROMA exhibition is curated by Daniel Baker and commissioned by ERIAC as an official collateral event of the 58<sup>th</sup> International Art Exhibition La Biennale di Venezia.

Through the cooperation of Villa Romana and ERIAC, the residence offers artists the opportunity to concentrate on their work, to seek an exchange with other artists in the house and in the regional environment, and to deal with the history of art on site.

The program will promote two selected artists and give visibility to Roma contemporary arts. The works produced during the Roma contemporary art residencies will be exhibited in Berlin at the ERIAC Arts Space in the second half of 2020. An international jury will screen the candidates and select the two artists.

### Members of the Jury

Maria Lind (curator, writer, art critic, co-curator of the 2019 Biennial in Timisoara)

Daniel Baker (artist, curator of FUTUROMA at Biennale Arte 2019)

Angelika Stepken (curator, author, director of Villa Romana)

Timea Junghaus (curator, art historian, director of ERIAC)



### Important Dates

- In the first half of 2020 (February to July), the selected persons will be provided with a guest room in the Villa Romana for a period of two months;
- The selected artist receives a monthly scholarship in the amount of 1000 Euro;
- Travel expenses are covered.

Application deadline: 1 October 2019

Jury session: early November 2019

## Eligibility Requirements

- Visual artists with self-declared Roma identity up to the age of 40, whose work provides a special contribution to contemporary art production
- We do not demand a special description of the planned project
- Please send in your CV and a portfolio (if possible digital) by 1 October 2019 to [eriac@eriac.org](mailto:eriac@eriac.org) and to [office@villaromana.org](mailto:office@villaromana.org) with the subject line “2020 residency application”

## About Villa Romana and ERIAC

The Villa Romana is a place of contemporary artistic production and of international exchange. Founded in 1905 by artists and patrons, it still works as a non-profit association. Every year it hosts the current Villa Romana award winners as well as international guest artists. With exhibitions and a wide range of events Villa Romana strives to interact with artists and the public, expand its international network and promoting communication with the cultures of the Mediterranean area.

[www.villaromana.org](http://www.villaromana.org)

ERiac was officially established on 07 June 2017, in Berlin, Germany. The Institute is a joint initiative of the Council of Europe (CoE), the Open Society Foundations (OSF), and the Roma Leaders' initiative - the Alliance for the European Roma Institute. ERIAC has a unique mandate as the first transnational organization for the recognition of Roma arts and culture. The Institute functions as a transnational creative hub, supporting the exchange of creative ideas across borders, cultural domains, and Romani identities. ERIAC highlights the numerous and multifaceted Romani contributions to European culture, talent, success, and achievement, as well as documenting the historical experiences of Romani people across Europe. [www.eriac.org](http://www.eriac.org)

