

NEXT GENERATION

Incubatore per lo sviluppo di nuove idee di performance

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BANDO DI SELEZIONE 2023
CALL FOR PROPOSAL 2023



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Applications now OPEN

DEADLINE: APRIL 18, 2023

**An intensive international residential retreat for young theatre and dance creators,
designed to give time and support to projects
that are still in their initial phase of conception and development**

Next Generation is a special project promoted by C.U.R.A. - Centro Umbro di Residenze Artistiche (supported by The Ministry of Culture and the Umbria Region) created in collaboration with La MaMa ETC in New York and CultureHUB in New York, and ITI (International Theatre Institute, dedicated to younger and emerging performing artists for creating projects in the initial phases of development.

Next Generation provides an intensive residency for new projects at an embryonic stage. In 2023 C.U.R.A. launches the challenge of supporting project ideas that focus their research in particular (but not exclusively) on the themes of :

- **Art and New Technologies:** the relationship between performing arts and new digital technologies
- **Art and community development:** participatory creative processes with local communities, especially linked to younger generations

Next Generation aims to be an incubator for new projects at an embryonic stage. Projects already completed, even partly, and in any case at an advanced stage of development, will not be accepted. The purpose is to support new talents and nurture the emergence of new, interesting performative ideas that focus primarily on the themes above.

Next Generation is open to a maximum of 5 single artists/companies (and in any case to a maximum number of 12 total participants). Collectives/informal groups, from European and non-European countries operating in the field of contemporary performing arts (theater, music, dance, interdisciplinary, etc.) are welcome to apply.

Next Generation provides for a 15-day artistic residency in Umbria from 20 August to 3 September 2023.

The selected artists/groups will spend a first week of work - from 20 to 26 August - located in the spaces provided by C.U.R.A. in the territories of Spoleto, Foligno, Perugia and Gubbio, and the second week - from 27 August to 3 September - all participants will be gathered at La Mama Umbria International in Spoleto, in order to encourage sharing among the participants of all groups,, exchanging feedback, comments and tips.

Next Generation provides for the further participation of local and international artists (actors, musicians, playwrights, directors), tutors, and curators selected by C.U.R.A., who will be invited to follow the retreat as mentors, offering optional activities aimed at stimulating the creative process, and encouraging exchange and dialogue among participants.

All participants will have the opportunity to live and work together, to share their processes and provide constructive feedbacks, comments and suggestions.

At the end of the retreat, all participants will showcase their work (choosing the most appropriate form, according to C.U.R.A. and mentors) for a selected public composed mainly of artists and professionals in the field of the performing arts.

Next Generation provides the possibility for one or more artist/company to apply for a further residency period within the projects of C.U.R.A., according to terms and times that will be agreed with the organizers, in order to advance the development of their artistic project.

Next Generation meets SPAZIO ZETA

Parallel to Next Generation, another residency also held in the territories of Foligno and Spoleto. Spazio Zeta is a project of listening, comparison and creation between artists and the younger generations. Spazio Zeta is configured as a land without masters, where selected artists will have the opportunity to develop the creative aspect of performing, starting from the meeting with the local younger generations, through mutual listening, working together in different contexts and places (public spaces, museums, libraries, schools, oratories, or summer camps).

Therefore, during the residency period of both projects, collaborating and exchanging ideas and views will be facilitated between the two groups of participants in order to stimulate mutual artistic growth.

PRACTICAL INFORMATION

1_ Next Generation will take place in Umbria from 20 August to 3 September 2023

2_ C.U.R.A. will provide the technical equipment according to the needs of the selected projects and the following work spaces: La Mama Umbria International/Cantiere Oberdan – Spoleto; Spazio Zut - Foligno; SpazioMAI – Perugia; Centro Teatrale Umbro/Gubbio

3_ The organization will take care for accommodation (lodging with independent kitchen, no single rooms) and meals for the selected artists / companies.

4_ artist / group fees: € 1000 for artists / companies resident abroad and € 700 for artists / companies resident in Italy (net of VAT with regular invoice).

5_ All costs not expressly indicated by C.U.R.A. (point 2, 3, 4) will be borne by artists / companies.

6_ Participants will have the opportunity to interact with professional mentors on specific needs and requests during all the residency period.

7_ The program will be conducted mainly in English.

HOW TO APPLY

Applications must be received **no later than April 18, 2023.**

Interested candidates must submit the [Application Form online HERE,](#) and the following:

- 1._ description of the project idea to explore during the residency;
- 2._ motivational letter expressing how this opportunity can contribute to the artistic development of the project;
- 3._ Name, biography and eventual role of each participant involved (in case of groups);
- 4._ online samples (video, audio, images, reviews, etc.) of past work of the candidates;
- 5._ technical requirements and other special needs.

After receiving the applications, the selection committee might require an interview with the applicants, to take place in-person when possible or through Skype. From all the applications received, only the ones that are considered most in accordance with the goals of the residency will be invited to take part in the Program.

The selected proposals will be communicated by May 15, 2023.

Further request by email to: nextgeneration.cura@gmail.com