



FREQUENTLY ASKED QUESTIONS FAQ

(Amended May 15, 2020 due to the provisions and ordinances of the Swiss authorities in relation to Covid19 and due to the new date of the Alps Art Academy.)

Application

How many people can attend the academy?

There are a maximum of 30 participants.

Can I submit additional application material after the registration deadline?

No. The application deadline is March 08, 2020, 23:59 (CET). Unfortunately, later or incomplete application documents can not be considered.

Can I apply even though I have never worked in the landscape or on land and environmental art?

Yes. Experience with working in the landscape or in research on the topic are not prerequisites for application. The criteria according to which candidates are selected is a wellfounded interest in the topic and the motivation to work in the Alpine landscape.

What are the selection criteria for participation in the Academy?

Criteria for the awarding of an academy course are quality of the project idea and motivation / justification, as well as the previous knowledge and previous projects (portfolio).

Is receipt of application confirmed?

You will receive an acknowledgment of receipt of your application via e-mail. If you have not received an e-mail by March 15, 2020, please contact us at info@alpsartacademy.ch.

Who is the jury?

A panel consisting of lecturers and the Artistic Director of the Alps Art Academy selects the participants and assigns them to one of the workshops according to their previous knowledge, inclinations and wishes.

When do I know if I have been accepted?

Decisions will be made by End of April 2020. Applicants will be informed of their inclusion by Mid-May, 2020 at the latest.

Academy

When does the academy begin?

The program of the academy begins new on September 24, 2020 at 9 am. There is a convivial welcome for the participants the evening before.

What is a typical daily routine?

In general a three-hour program consisting of master classes in plenary takes place in the mornings. The afternoons are reserved for the participant's own work (workshops) and / or field trips. In the evening there will be presentations and artist talks. Breakfast is at about 8 am. At lunchtime a packed lunch or a buffet is usually provided. Dinner is around 7 pm.

Do I have to attend all seminars or can I choose?

The seminars are designed, so that all participants usually attend five classes.

Do I have to attend all workshops or can I choose?

When applying name one to two workshops or their main focus which you would like participate in during the academy's session or whose coach and mentor you would like to be supervised by.

What kind of project can I submit?

The project / concept should be feasible in about 5 days during the academy. Medium, size and, to an extent, theme are determined by the participant however it should be related to land and environmental art. If your project changes during the academy, that's no problem.

Do I have to bring specific material or documents for the academy lessons?

No. Unless you want to work with a certain material that is not available on site.

Is there any personal help with production?

We have a small team of production assistant, who can support occasionally. There is a small studio equipped with usual tools. Please note that your project should be simple and should be done without very special tools. You should be in the position to realise your project mostly independent.

Is there financial support for the production of my project?

No, or very limited. Wood can be organised in limited quantities but most projects are realised with material found in the valley.

Will my project be shown as part of Art Safiental?

If you wish, you can present your work (also texts, performances) at the opening of Art Safiental (18./19.07.2020). This possibility is no longer applicable due to the new date of the Alps Art Academy (24.09.-03.10.2020.) By arrangement, the work can be presented up to the end of the Art Safiental Biennale (01.11.2020). The work is shown in the context of Art Safiental but is not part of the official selection.

Do I have to dismantle my work if necessary?

Yes, you will be responsible for the removal of your work. Only in consultation the Alps Art Academy organisation will take care of the dismantling.

Do I have to bring my own computer or other technology?

The Alps Art Academy has limited technical equipment. It is recommended that you bring your own computer and a camera. Further technology is only necessary if required for your project. For theory and mediation, a digital word processor is advantageous.

Is there a certificate of participation?

If desired, a certificate can be issued.

Fees/Finances

What are the costs of attending the academy?

The tuition fee is CHF 1'200.-, USD 1'200.-, EUR 1'100.- for 10 days of academy, accommodation in a double room, meals as well as excursions. Travel expenses are not included.

I have transferred the fee. Will I receive an acknowledgment of receipt?

Yes. The Alps Art Academy sends confirmation via e-mail upon receipt of payment.

Are there scholarships for participation in the academy?

Yes. The academy encourages a broad mix of participants (age, gender, background) and it is possible for low-income applicants to apply for a reduction of the academy fee. For this purpose, an additional letter outlining the reasons for applying for the scholarship must be submitted with the application form.

Are there scholarships for travel expenses?

Yes. For low-income applicants there is the possibility of applying for a travel grant. An additional letter outlining the reasons for applying for the travel grant with the application form has to be submitted.

Who can apply for these scholarships?

Low-income applicants, who can prove that they can not raise their own funds for participation and / or travel and also have no access to private or institutional support on their own.

When and how do I pay the registration fee?

The participation fee of CHF 1'200.– / USD 1'200.– / EUR 1'100.– (full tuition) is payable by August 15, 2020 at the latest. Upon receipt of payment, participation in the Alps Art Academy is confirmed. Payment is via bank transfer or paypal. The information of the bank and paypal details will be sent with the invoice.

Can I pay in a currency other than Swiss francs?

The participation fee can be paid in Euros or US dollars.

What is the last day on which I can transfer the fee?

The fee (or confirmation of payment) must be credited to the account of the Alps Art Academy no later than August 15, 2020. Thereafter, the commitment for participation expires and the academy course will pass on to a candidate on the waiting list.

Can I cancel? If so, until when?

In case of cancellation after after July 31, 2020, a fee of CHF 200.– will be retained for expenses incurred. A refund of the full tuition fee is only possible in proven cases of „force majeure“ (illness, accident, death in the family, official regulations regarding Covid19, in the event of a new outbreak of the pandemic). An immediate cancellation with written proof of the reason is required, otherwise the full course fee is payable. Other reasons as eg program changes do not entitle the participant to a refund. After the start of the Alps Art Academy, cancellation is no longer possible.

Can the Alps Art Academy be cancelled by the organisation?

The Alps Art Academy is entitled make program changes or cancel courses, especially if the number of participants is insufficient or in connection with Covid19 circumstances. If the minimum number of 20 participants is not achieved by August 31, 2020, or if the Alps Art Academy has to be canceled due to official regulations in connection with Covid19, the participation fee will be fully refunded, further claims are excluded. Any expenses incurred for travel will not be reimbursed and costs cannot be claimed from the Naturpark Beverin association.

What happens to the registration fee if I have to leave the academy earlier than expected?

The participation fee can not be refunded in this case. See cancellation policy.

Do I have to expect extra costs on site? If so, for what and how much?

Alcoholic drinks and additional personal beverages are not included in the general catering. Private expenses, such as souvenirs, should also be budgeted for by individual participants.

Travel / Arrivals

Does the Alps Art Academy help me when applying for a travel visa?

No. The participant is responsible for the journey and the application for a visa. On request, the Alps Art Academy will gladly send you a letter of invitation.

When can I arrive?

Participants can arrive at the earliest on September 23, 2020. From the early afternoon, participants can check in at Berghotel Alpenblick in Tenna.

How to get to Tenna by public transport?

With Swiss Federal Railways SBB to Chur, then change to the Rhaetian Railway RhB and travel to Versam-Safien station, there change to the bus and travel via Versam to Tenna. Duration from Chur: 45 min., from Zurich approx. 2 hrs. The destination for public transport (train / bus) is Tenna, Post (opposite the „Alpenblick“ academy centre). The timetable can be found at: <http://www.sbb.ch/en>

How do I arrive by car?

Via Chur on the A13, take junction 19 in the direction of Bonaduz, then keep travelling toward Versam and shortly before turn left to Tenna. Duration from Chur: 40 minutes, from Zurich approx. 1 hour 50 minutes.

Which is the nearest airport?

The nearest airports to Safiental are Zurich, Switzerland (2.5 hrs to Tenna by train / bus) or Milan, Italy (5.5 hrs to Tenna by train / bus). Destination for public transport (train / bus) is Tenna, Post (opposite the „Alpenblick“ academy centre). Timetable information at: <http://www.sbb.ch/en>. We recommend travel via Zurich.

Is there an organised transfer / shuttle bus from the airport to Tenna?

No. Participants use public transport for the journey.

What happens if I am unable to arrive on the day of arrival or have to leave earlier?

It is desirable that participants arrive at the academy on September 23, 2020 by 6:00 pm, and stay until the closing ceremony on Saturday, October 03, 2020 in the morning. Departure is on October 4th for all participants. If you arrive late or leave early you will miss important parts of the academy. For shorter attendances at the Alps Art Academy there is no reduction of the tuition fee. See cancellation regulations.

Accommodation and catering

How will I be accommodated?

All participants are accommodated in the Berghotel Alpenblick in double rooms with showers and toilets on the floor. Room occupancy is separated by gender.

When do I get the information about the accommodation?

Rooms will be distributed by the academy office and will be communicated upon arrival in Tenna.

I have an intolerance / allergy. Can it be taken into consideration?

Please inform us of the intolerance / allergy as early as possible and as precisely as possible, so that the kitchen can prepare accordingly.

Miscellaneous

What clothes and shoes should I pack?

Pack both warm and summer clothes, as the temperature can vary greatly in summer (0 - 28 degrees). In addition, it makes sense to bring rainwear. Solid shoes or mountain boots are recommended for field trips.

Do I have to bring my own bedding?

No. Sheets, pillows and towels are provided by the property.

Are there any shops in Tenna?

In Tenna there is a small grocery shop which sells the most important goods for everyday life. Please note that the opening hours are limited.

Is there a Bank in Tenna?

There is no bank or ATM in Tenna. The closest place to get money is in Ilanz or Bonaduz (about 20 minutes / 20 km drive from Tenna).

Where can I pay by credit card in Tenna?

The grocery shop and the Berghotel Alpenblick accept the most common cards (EC, Master / Visa).

Is there a petrol station in Tenna?

There is no petrol station in Tenna. The closest place to refuel the car is in Ilanz or Bonaduz (about 20 minutes / 20 km drive from Tenna).

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