

International artists-in-residence project week in southern Styria. We look forward to seeing you!



open call

Kulturbotschaften Südsteiermark - Embassies of Art in Southern Styria/Austria - **3 to 8 November**
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Südsteiermark – Southern Styria

Southern Styria, or more precisely the region between the Koralpe and the Mur, is a place full of contrasts. Deep-rooted traditions meet lifestyle and a cultural landscape characterised by wine is presented, garnished with contemporary architecture. You are surrounded by unspoilt nature with a view of the countryside! The people who live here - close to the border with Slovenia - are innovative without losing sight of tradition.

All of this - landscape, tradition, innovation and the region's inhabitants - makes Southern Styria with all its characteristics the perfect place for the art project "Kulturbotschaften Südsteiermark 2025 - Embassies of Art 2025".

We are looking for

The Kulturbotschaften Südsteiermark project is taking place for the 2nd time this year. As part of the **project week from 3 to 8 November 2025**, we are offering artists exciting opportunities for creative work in the middle of the vineyards.

Are you a student or artist who is interested in photography?

Whether analogue, digital, experimental or interdisciplinary - this is your chance

We are looking for young artists, media artists or students who understand photography not just as a technique, but as an artistic tool - with all its possibilities:

- **Digital and analogue photography,**
- **Unconventional techniques** such as solarisation, chemigram, scanner exposure, cyanotype, collage or mixed media (e.g. video, works on paper and painting, etc.)
- and everything in between that characterises your image finding.
- Individuals of all nationalities and genders who are not older than 35 years can apply.



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About the Logo: *Klapotetz* (from Slovene *klopótec* = rattle), windwheel mainly used in the wine growing regions of southern Styria, mostly with 8 sails, a striking mechanism and a wind vane, producing a rhythmic clattering noise, used to chase away birds from the vineyards between July 25 (*Jakobi*) and November 11 (*Martini*)

Topic and goal

Theme 2025: "Essence of Southern Styria"

During your residency, you will have the opportunity to realise your artistic ideas and realise your visions. Your work should illuminate the identity of Southern Styria from a contemporary perspective.

Period

The project week will take place from **3 to 8 November 2025**.

We offer

- A week in southern Styria to work creatively
- **Living and working in a winery** (incl. breakfast and one additional meal/day).
- A **fee of € 500** to support your artistic work and any travel expenses incurred
- The opportunity to become part of an international network of artists.
- Presentation of the artworks at the final event with an audience (any material costs for the exhibits in the final exhibition will be covered in coordination with the project management).

This special project promotes collaboration between international artists and the region's wineries. The participating wineries open their doors and offer the artists a platform to realise their creative visions.

At the end of the project week (Saturday, 8 November 2025), the resulting works will be presented to the public in a joint exhibition.

One of your works remains at the winery where you spent the project week.
You make the selection together with your host winery.

Arrival/stay

Arrival on Sunday, 2 November

Departure on Sunday, 9 November 2025

If you are travelling by public transport, we recommend Leibnitz as the destination for your journey planning! Within the region, we will take care of your onward transport to the winery
Of course, it is also possible to travel by car.

Deadline/Jury

We will consider submissions until 28 February 2025!

An independent jury of experts will decide on the invitations
The decision as to which artist lives and works at which winery will be made by the Kulturbotschaften Südsteiermark project management team.

Documents/submission

Please send documents in **English or German** and without exception via e-mail:

1. A **current portrait photo** and your full **contact details**
2. A short, **artistic curriculum vitae**.
3. **3 to 5 current works** (photo documentation in pdf format, links to websites, media reports, etc.).
4. if available: **Links to your website** and your **social media accounts**.

Become part of an exciting, artistic in southern Styria

Kulturbotschaften Südsteiermark - Embassies of Art combines art, culture and tradition in the unique landscape of southern Styria. Together we create a platform where creativity and intercultural exchange take centre stage

We look forward to receiving your application

Contact us

Please send your application by **28 February 2025** at the latest to:

✉ welcome@kulturbotschaften.at

Questions will be answered by e-mail!