

Kunsthhaus Helleweg e.V.

Open Call

2900m² Residency 2026

Residency Program in the rural area



Dates

Application period: April 16, 2026 – May 17, 2026

Announcement of residents: Mid-June 2026

Residency period: August 17, 2026 – September 7, 2026

Closing party + showing: September 5, 2026

Summary

- Focused working atmosphere at Kunsthhaus Helleweg in Versmold
- Exchange with other artists and local sponsors
- Fixed fee of €1,500 for a 3-week residency + performance fee for the final presentation
- Accommodation at Kunsthhaus Helleweg
- Applications may be submitted individually or as a duo
- 2 spots reserved specifically for artists from Westfalen-Lippe

Who can apply?

The residency is open to any results and interdisciplinary and will take place for the fourth time in 2026. The program is primarily aimed at artists on the brink of professionalism in the fields of performance, dance, media art, and music. We can offer 5 people a place in the residency. You can therefore apply individually or as a duo. During the residency, the invited artists will share the spaces at the Kunsthhaus. The residents are expected to engage artistically with the location, the surroundings, and the region. How exactly this connection to the region is expressed is up to the individual artists. Applicants should be able to commit to the entire duration of the residency.

Note: Two residency spots will be allocated specifically for artists from Westfalen-Lippe.

Residency Schedule

After your arrival, we will propose a room assignment and show you around the house. On one of the first days, we will introduce you to your sponsors and then hand over the house to you.

At the end of the three-week residency, there will be a public showing where the residents present the status of their work. This could be, for example, a sketch for a composition, a research status, an experimental setup, a lecture, or even a short choreography.

Sponsorship program

There is a sponsorship program with people from Bockhorst and Versmold, so that you have contacts during the residency. We can discuss how to use the sponsorship program on an individual basis. You can use the program to find conversation partners or experts in the area, get tips for excursions, arrange small rides, or establish contacts with other venues (e.g., churches, art galleries, schools, etc.) in the region.

House

The house has 5 bedrooms, a kitchen, two bathrooms, a fireplace room, a tool shed, and an attic (limited use). The property covers 2,900 m²—hence the name of the residency program. There is a music studio with basic technical equipment and a small rehearsal room in the garage with a dance floor. There are also portable floor mats that can be used outdoors. Basic technical equipment is available for your use. Please contact us with any specific questions. If necessary, we can rent additional technical equipment for shorter periods.

What the Residency Offers

The residency offers a focused working environment away from big cities. We provide accommodation and workspaces at Kunsthaus Helleweg. We can pay a flat-rate allowance of €1,500 per person for the three-week residency, plus a fee of €360 for the presentation at the closing event. We also cover the cost of travel to and from Kunsthaus Helleweg. You are responsible for your own meals. We can organize transportation for larger shopping trips.

Selection Process

A curatorial committee consisting of members of the Kunsthaus Helleweg e.V. association, a former resident, the artistic director of the residency, and individuals from the region will decide which residents are invited.

Accessibility

Like many cultural venues, Kunsthaus Helleweg is in the process of making its facilities more accessible. We are aware that applying for and participating in the residency can present challenges for people with various needs. Please feel free to send us your accessibility needs and/or access rider. We are available for questions at any time at info.kunsthaus@web.de. Write to us and we will discuss individual needs with you. We update our website regularly and can provide individual venue descriptions or video tours upon request.

The house has two floors, the top of which is accessible only via stairs. The kitchen, living room, bathroom, and additional bedrooms on the ground floor are accessible at ground level. Unfortunately, the house does not have wheelchair-accessible restrooms. Assistance dogs and support personnel are welcome. Unfortunately, we cannot offer childcare. However, we can discuss the possibility of bringing children. Since it is not possible to reach the front door of the house by public transportation, we will arrange additional transportation.

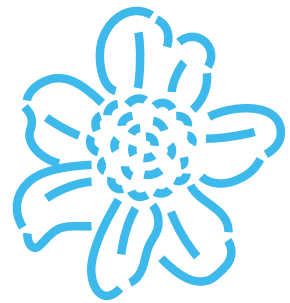
We are open to discussing any questions, comments, or concerns!

Please send the following documents by May 17, 2026, to info.kunsthhaus@web.de

- Completed application form (see below or on the website) The form is a Google Form; if you have concerns about filling out a Google Form, you can also send us your answers via email.
- A letter of motivation (max. 1 page) in which you describe what you would like to work on during the three weeks and why you would like to do this at Kunsthaus Helleweg, or how you plan to engage with the surrounding area.
- Access Rider / Personal Rider (if applicable)

APPLICATION FORM: <https://forms.gle/smXkHFWa1nwo8ic4A>

If you have any further questions, please contact: info.kunsthhaus@web.de



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