

OPEN CALL LA MA* RESIDENZE



We warmly welcome artists, scientists and other people who work in a process-oriented way to the LA MA Residence.

La Mandria is an old house in Lunigiana, Tuscany. Since summer 2022, the place has been collectively run and revitalized. This also includes a residency program as a platform where people and collectives deal with artistic, ecological and social issues. The diverse flora and fauna on site and the wild surroundings invite visitors to engage with nature, its limits and (co-)existence, as well as collective and sustainable ways of working.

This year's LA Ma Residence will take place for 6 weeks from **April 12 to May 25, 2025**. There will be 5 positions on site at the same time. Arrival must take place on April 12, 2025. The first days, people from the collective will be present to introduce you to the place.

Requirements: Motivation to work at and with the site / Professional standards for your own work / Documentation (image and text) of the residency project for the LA MA archive and social media / Participation in any exhibitions / Willingness to take on small tasks on site.

Please note that La Mandria is located 5 kilometers from the nearest town of Fivizzano, without public transport connections. But with many small and large wild nature dwellers. Apart from the residents, there are no permanent residents in La Mandria.

Residence cost per person:
CHF 600 for 6 weeks

There is a cost reduction for collectives or people who share the rooms.
Travel, food and own project costs are borne by the residents.
Residents can apply independently for funding from their canton of residence.

On site there are:

- Two old stone houses, each with several overnight accommodations
- Several workrooms in both houses
- Wood workshop
- Various outdoor spaces for working
- Tools for gardening, building, handicrafts .
- 2 bicycles

Send your application by **31.12.2024** at the least to: residenze@lamandria.it. If you have any questions, you can also contact us by e-mail.

The submissions will be judged by the LA MA Residence collective Dshamila Wörnhard, Simon Wahl, Angela Staffelbach and Micha Bietenhader. The selection will be announced at the end of January.

*Ma 間 is a Japanese concept that refers to all aspects of life. It is described as a pause in time, an interval or a void in space and literally means „gap“, „space“, „pause“. Ma is the essential void between all things and creates the space and time for things to exist, stand out and have meaning.