



ARTIST RESIDENCY OPPORTUNITY

Living In the Play: nido IV

The **Poor Farm Experiment** in rural Wisconsin, USA, and the **International Center for the Arts** (ICARTS) in Monte Castello di Vibio, Perugia, Italy, is inviting applications for a **two week** residency at its hilltop village location.

Initially, this invitation is limited to artists and writers who have participated in the Poor Farm Living in the Play residency program, including past nido participants, as well as artists associated with these participants. In this way, it is loosely curated with artists whose sensibilities display some commonality in vision, scope, practice, and community.

Please direct questions and/or declaration of intent to participate to Mark Jeffery (mjeffery@saic.edu) and Kelly Kaczynski (kelly.kaczynski@gmail.com).

Visit ICARTS website for detailed information and registration (<https://icaitaly.com/event/nido-italy/>)

DATES OF RESIDENCY: August 3 - August 17, 2025

ITINERARY

The Residency includes two excursion days! This year, we plan to visit sites that bring us into cultural legends built into the landscape. Our first excursion takes us to: the *Necropolis of the Crocefisso del Tufo*, known as the 'city of the dead'; the double helix descent of the *Well of Saint Patrick* built in the 16th century; and the carved underground Etruscan caverns of Orvieto. We will also visit *Sacro Basco*, the 16th century 'Garden of Monsters' built from love and grief. On the second day, we will venture to Narni's ancient Roman aqueduct; the underground convent of San Domenico; and the sunken Roman shipyard at Stifone.

EXHIBITION August 14 - 15 , 2025

The group exhibition and performance events, *nido IV*, will be promoted by the marketing and outreach team at ICARTS. A small catalog will be produced from the exhibition.

PRIORITY DEADLINE for Registration: May 19, 2025

IMPORTANT NOTE

Artists are responsible for their own air transportation to Rome. Should anyone have other travel plans, ICARTS can advise on ideal scenarios for train and bus transport to Monte Castello. (If you are associated with a teaching institution, check to see if they offer travel or professional development financial support.)

COST ESTIMATE

The below costs may change slightly due to airline rate changes, exchange rates with the Euro and so on / these are listed for estimating budgeting purposes only.

- **€2,800 Residency Cost for 2025 Includes:**
 - Group Airport Transfer (from / to Rome airport)
 - Site Support (office/emergency/bilingual)
 - Single Accommodation
 - 3 Meals per day (except on excursion days)
 - Studio Space
 - 2 Excursions (first week)
 - Group Exhibition (second week)
- **~ \$1070 estimated**
 - Round trip air Chicago / Rome for example
- **~ \$280 estimated** (depending on your needs)
 - Miscellaneous (calculated at \$20 per day rate, not including art supplies)

FAQ's

Do I have to fly with a group?

No. However, ICARTS provides a group transfer from Rome Fiumicino (FCO) on the Sunday at the beginning of the residency, and it's included with the all-inclusive price.

Can a payment plan be arranged?

Yes. You must register with a deposit of €500 to hold your place. Please consult with ICARTS for possible payment plans. Paypal, and certain banks, allow you to make a payment in full that is distributed across 2 or more pay periods.

What are the protocols for travel in Italy?

It is advised that travelers consult with airlines and government agencies for up-to-date protocols.

Should I rent a car?

That's your choice. If you have experience driving in Europe you may like the option. ICARTS has scheduled intermittent transport available for supply runs as needed.

What is public transportation like?

Rural bus routes can get you to a train station in a larger city for quick access to trains headed to Rome, Florence and so on.

Can I bring a spouse or partner?

Consult with ICARTS on a case by case basis.

What equipment / materials do I have to bring?

Whatever you need to make your work or explore possibilities! Traditional drawing and painting materials can be available for purchase at ICARTS, especially with a heads up prior to arrival. There are also local runs to area hardware and lumber yards, etc, as needed. For other materials, it could be easy or difficult depending on the nature of the material. One thing to keep in mind, the studio residency is rural, in a glorious hill town and we need to travel for local supplies based on the hours that regional businesses are open!

What about the mail services?

There is a small post office in Monte Castello. You will be able to receive or send packages. It is best to think ahead for your packing needs!!!!

Yes, Amazon delivers directly to the ICARTS office.

If you know you will need specific supplies, you can order ahead of time and have them delivered close to your arrival.

What is the weather like in Italy in summer, especially during this residency?

Hot, sunny, intense, and interesting. (Lovely storms when they happen!) Be sure to bring lightweight clothing, sunscreen, sunglasses and/or a brimmed hat, especially for excursion days.