

OPEN CALL 2025

# Cities by the sea / Reimagine the Mediterranean

Nekubi Art Residency (Kavala - Greece)

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## Introduction - Nekubi Art Residency

Located in the heart of Kavala providing easy access to urban inspiration, nearby beaches, local galleries and cultural networks, Nekubi Art Residency emphasizes contemporary art and a slow living lifestyle.

It provides a platform for artistic exploration that challenges traditional boundaries. The residency facilitates exhibitions and collaborations between local and visiting artists.

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## 2025 OPEN CALL: Cities by the sea / Re-imagine the Mediterranean

An art residency program dedicated to exploring the complex narratives of Mediterranean coastal cities. Blending environmental arts and experimental art practices, Nekubi Art Residency invites artists to delve into themes of heritage, urban / rural / coastal transformation, and cultural interplay, shaping a fresh vision of the Mediterranean as a space of reinvention and dialogue. This initiative focuses on reimagining landscapes, addressing ecological challenges, and fostering cultural dialogue. Through creative interventions, it envisions a future where art shapes sustainable, interconnected communities along the shores of the Mediterranean.

The theme serves as an open foundation for inspiration, offering artists a starting point to explore, reinterpret, and expand upon. It is not restrictive but rather a flexible guide encouraging diverse artistic approaches and perspectives. The program invites participants of all disciplines to create meaningful connections, immerse themselves in the rich cultural environment, and enjoy a rewarding and memorable stay that blends artistic exploration with a sense of belonging. The program aims to have participants feel inspired, welcomed, and integrated into an experience that seamlessly blends art, culture, and the captivating allure of this Mediterranean gem.

### WHAT THE PROGRAM OFFERS

The residency program offers:

- shared working studio space \*\*\*
- accommodation (optional)
- exhibition space
- curated event at the end of the program (exhibition of works with open bar and DJ's or acts + networking and promotion of the event to our community)

\*\*\* the studio is available 24/7 except from Monday evenings from 16:30 - 21:30 when we host Robotics classes for kids.

\*\*\* artist materials are not included except from the basic infrastructure like easels, drawing bench, soundsystem, projection system etc. Each art practitioner is responsible to buy their own materials of preference.

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**RESIDENCY LENGTH:** 3 WEEKS

**STAGE OF CAREER:** Any stage of career or experience / open to artists based anywhere in the world.

**WORKING STUDIO SPACE:**

The shared working space is located in the city centre, just 3 mins walk from the closest beach and consists of 4 levels (100 m2 in total):

Level -1: WC area

Level 0: Cafe Bar / Art Store Library

Level 1: Workshop / Exhibition / Performance Space

Level 2: Lounge / Web Radio

**ACCOMMODATION:**

Our freshly renovated apartments offer a calm, relaxing environment for artists and partners. (accommodation is optional)

- **Ichi (Campus apartment)** is located right above nekubi art space and 5 mins walking distance from the closest beach

- **Umi (Beach Victorian Loft)** is located 1 min walking distance from the closest beach and 5 mins walking distance from nekubi art space

- **Tourloo Guesthouse** is located in the Old Town (about 15 mins walking distance from nekubi art space). Ideal only for group reservations

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**HOW TO APPLY**

**The application process is really easy!**

- Forward us a link of your work and a CV or short artist bio.

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- Indicate which of the available seasons you would like to apply for the residency

After reviewing your portfolio and verifying the availability of your preferred season, you will receive a confirmation email notifying you of the acceptance of your application.

- At this stage, you can proceed with the deposit payment to secure your residency for the preferred season you have applied for. Kindly email us the payment receipt once the transaction is completed.

The remaining residency fee payment is expected to be completed upon your arrival.

Please forward your CV, bio, links to your work, preferable season and the receipt of your deposit payment to: [nikossotirelis@yahoo.com](mailto:nikossotirelis@yahoo.com)

## HOW MUCH DOES THE RESIDENCY PROGRAM COST

### A) PLAN A:

#### SOLO ARTIST FEES incl. ACCOMMODATION (3 WEEKS):

2000 € (1000 € deposit + 1000 € upon arrival)

Plan A is designed for an individual artist who wishes to live alone in an apartment, prioritizing private living space.

This plan offers:

Exclusive Apartment + Shared Working Studio + Curated Event

Spouses / partners / children (non artists) are eligible to stay for free

### B) PLAN B:

#### GROUP ARTIST FEES incl. ACCOMMODATION (3 WEEKS):

1750 € per artist (875 € deposit + 875 € upon arrival)

Maximum number of 2 artists eligible per apartment

Plan B is designed for two artist friends who wish to share an apartment in order to reduce living expenses while maintaining a conducive environment for both personal and professional creativity.

This plan offers:

Shared Apartment + Shared Working Studio + Curated Event

### C) PLAN C:

#### ARTIST FEES excl. ACCOMMODATION (3 WEEKS):

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1000 € (500 € deposit + 500 € upon arrival)

Plan C is designed for artists who wish to independently search for accommodation in the area. In this scenario, the artists have the freedom to choose an apartment that meets their individual and shared requirements, while benefiting from a reduced program fee.

This plan offers:

Shared Working Studio + Curated Event (excl. Accommodation)

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The residency fee is intended to cover the cost of the program (optional accommodation, working space, exhibition space, curated event at the end of the program + general operating expenses)

## HOW CAN I PAY THE PROGRAM FEE AND RESERVE MY RESIDENCY

You may proceed with the deposit payment using one of the following methods.

• **Bank transfer** to:

**National Bank of Greece**

**IBAN:** GR2301102150000021570472239

**Account Holder Name:** NIKOLAOS SOTIRELIS

or alternatively

• through **PayPal** at the following address:

[apply@nekubi.com](mailto:apply@nekubi.com)

Please be advised that all payment processing fees, as well as any applicable currency conversion charges, are the sole responsibility of the guest artist and are payable in addition to the total amount of the selected package.



## **COULD YOU PROVIDE ME WITH RECOMMENDATION LETTER TO APPLY FOR GRANTS?**

We are more than happy to provide letters of recommendation and invitation to support the resident's application for grants in their home country, once their application has been accepted and the deposit fee has been successfully paid.

These letters will be tailored to assist in securing funding and can help strengthen the applicant's chances of receiving support for their residency and creative endeavors.



We look forward to reviewing your material and collaborating with you.  
We are excited to share this unforgettable journey with you by the Aegean Sea,  
create lasting memories, forge new friendships and dive into a unique and inspiring  
creative adventure!

For any questions or inquiries, feel free to contact our program manager:  
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