



International  
Art Residency  
Austria



# VISION & mission

## Our Vision

PART International Art Residency Austria is dedicated to fostering artistic experimentation, collaboration, and cross-cultural exchange. More than just a place, PART is an evolving process – where ideas take shape, possibilities are explored, and creative risks are encouraged.

Situated in Vienna within the so-called "Praterateliers", we support artists, curators, and scholars in pushing beyond conventions and embracing new perspectives.

Through partnership, participation, and exploration, PART serves as a platform for transformative artistic practice.

## Our Mission

**PART** is a space for artistic inquiry, interdisciplinary conversation, and bold experimentation. Hosting artists, curators, and scholars from around the world, we provide an environment where ideas develop organically through collaboration, research, and hands-on practice.

Located in the historic Southern Pavilion – originally built for the 1873 Vienna World's Fair and surrounded by the unique alluvial forest – PART offers deep engagement with materials, communities, and nature. We recognise failure as an essential part of the creative process, fostering a culture of curiosity, play, and innovation.

Through dedicated time, space, and curatorial support, we empower residents to challenge norms, expand artistic practice, and contribute meaningfully to the general artistic discourse. Whether through collaborations, discussions, or unexpected discoveries, PART is committed to shaping contemporary art and fostering impactful exchange.

PART is a programme of the Austrian Federal Ministry for Housing, Arts, Culture, Media and Sport.

# PROGRAMME & structure

## *Residential Goals*

- Attract and support a diverse range of international artists and cultural practitioners.
- Foster collaboration between international residents and the Austrian art scene.
- Serve as a platform for artistic exchange and critical thinking, creating a lasting impact.

## *Key Components*

- **Curatorial Support**  
Residents receive guidance from experienced curators and cultural practitioners.
- **Mentorship & Networking**  
Opportunities to connect with local artists, curators, and institutions.
- **Public Engagement**  
Open studios, exhibitions, artist talks, and workshops encourage interaction with a wider community.
- **Interdisciplinary Exchange**  
Encouraging dialogue beyond traditional artistic disciplines.

## *Partnerships & Community Integration*

- Collaboration with local museums, galleries, and cultural institutions.
- Partnerships with universities and art schools for educational exchange.
- Engagement with local communities through workshops and public programmes.

## *Communication & Outreach*

- Annual documentation of residency projects and key insights.
- Media collaborations to showcase the programme locally and internationally.

## *Programme Development & Evaluation*

- Continuously collect feedback from residents and stakeholders.
- Regularly adapt the programme to ensure it remains relevant and impactful.
- Curatorial support provided (individual mentorship, group exchange sessions, field trips, etc.)

Studio



Photo: Hertha Humaus

Exhibition Hall

# LOCATION & facilities

PART is located in the historic Southern Pavilion in Vienna's Prater Park, a unique setting with a rich artistic heritage.

Photo: Lea Sonderregger



The space includes six work studios, a multifunctional exhibition hall, and the "Bar des Amateurs." Renovated between 2023 and 2025, it offers modern facilities while preserving its historical character.

The surrounding landscape, with its centuries-old trees and protected green space, provides a tranquil yet inspiring environment for research, reflection, and creation.

The Southern and Northern Pavilions have been used as studios for around 140 years, known as the "Praterateliers", and serving as Federal Sculpture Building. Currently, fifteen artists work there, maintaining a direct link to the local art scene.

Its proximity to Vienna's vibrant cultural scene ensures dynamic interactions between residents and the local artistic community.



Rendering front view of the Pavilion

# A COMMITMENT

## *to artistic freedom*

**PART** is committed to inclusivity, equality, and international exchange. Open to artists, curators and scholars from all backgrounds, the residency fosters an environment of open conversation, collaboration, and innovation. By providing a space for experimentation and critical engagement, we aim to influence the broader cultural landscape and inspire new artistic possibilities.

Through its residencies, public programmes, and partnerships, PART International Art Residency Austria strives to be a catalyst for artistic growth, cross-disciplinary exchange, and cultural innovation.

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