



technical form
InterSpace Media Art Center

presentation of the host organisation

- **name of the residency** InterSpace Media Art Center
- **juridical status** Artistic Association

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- **number of artist(s) welcomed** 1 artist
- **length of the stay** 3 months
- **proposed dates of the stay** May to July 2006

artistic project of the host organisation

- **fields of expression proposed for the residency:**

InterSpace is interested in projects in the field of new media and technologies – audio-visual productions (digital video and sound projects), multimedia / interactive installations and performances, net based projects, software projects, streaming projects, experimental sound / music and any interdisciplinary projects using any of these media.

- **general artistic project of your structure:**

InterSpace works for the establishment of a social attitude towards new media art forms, through the development of alternative means and possibilities of artistic expression in new media technologies. InterSpace was created to foster creativity in the field of arts, new media and technologies. Implementing this mission, InterSpace works on the development of all areas where creativity in new media is concerned:

- projects in Arts & Culture

- *CULT.BG – Server for Bulgarian Art and Culture – an independent cultural media channel, community network, building web infrastructure for contemporary arts & culture, offering various free web services (hosting, e-mail, mailing list, etc)

- *production and co-production of individual and group artistic projects

- *events in Arts & Culture - organising conferences, festivals, exhibitions, presentations, public art shows, etc.

- *artists-in-residency programme - providing technological facilities and support for production of artistic projects

- education and trainings

- *open source software training courses

- *training courses on Arts & Cultural Management

- *training courses on multimedia and new media

- research and development

- *open source software solutions for artistic, cultural and social needs

- *interactive interface software solutions /GUI/ for artistic needs

- *application of the newest technologies in experimental art forms

- **residency offering any particular frame (festival, work with a specific public...):**

The resident can take part in Net.User conference organised by InterSpace biennially in Sofia. Next issues are in October 2005 and October 2007.

He will also participate and present their work in other festivals and exhibitions happening in the same time in Sofia and organised by our partners in Sofia.

- **the means of encouraging exchanges among different forms of expression:**

InterSpace teamwork (15 people) and membership (33 people) involves artists from various artistic disciplines. Thus InterSpace office and media lab is a common place, a tank of creative people in various art fields who come often there to exchange ideas and consult with other artists and specialists in the concerned fields.

- **the means of fastering interactions with the human, social and economic contexts:**

The artist coming to Sofia will held his residency in the media lab of InterSpace, which is located in the city centre and is a common meeting place of many artists, curators and other people working in the area of contemporary arts. InterSpace members come often in the lab where the residencies will take place, so the artist in residency will have a chance to meet, talk and even collaborate with InterSpace members, who are young professionals in different art disciplines.

- **human resources will enable the artist to develop his project (hosting, artistic follow up, person in charge of production and dissemination):**

The curatorial team of the laboratory offers it's guests help in making any needed research, making contacts with bulgarian art community and getting to know better a local environment.

They will also be in charge of the production of the artwork, the presentation of the work and its further dissemination.

- **material resources will be available for the artist (computer, training room...):**

InterSpace will provide the resident with working space and a training room as well as the following equipment and services:

- workstations - 1 multimedia workstations, 1 video editing workstation /Matrox RT X100 video suits/, 1 audio editing workstation

- video and photo equipment - Canon XL 1 Mini DV camcorder, Panasonic NV-GS70EG Mini DV camcorder, Canon G3 digital camera, Fuji FinePix 2600 digital camera, JVC SR-V20 Mini DV/SVHS - recorder, TV monitors, VHS and DVD players etc.

- Internet and servers – optic cable connection 10 Mbit income/outcome, audio/video streaming server and web server

- **ways of promoting his work (exhibition, publishing, performance, public presentation...)?**

During the residency the artist will give a public talk, a presentation in order to introduce the local artists and broader audience with their artistic work. They can also make a workshop so they can meet closely with local artists and exchange ideas and experience.

After the residency InterSpace will organise an exhibition in Sofia to present the art works produced during the artist stay.

InterSpace will also make a publication – a catalogue for the artist in residency and his work made during the residency. For the promotional purposes it will make a special website for the residency. Information about the residency will be published also on Cult.bg - the server for art and culture in Bulgaria (www.cult.bg) - a project by InterSpace.

description of the residency

- **How could you describe the professional and artistic environment of your structure?**

InterSpace was established in 1998 as an Association of artists interested to work in the field of art created with the new media technologies. It answers to a significant interest of the artists, especially from the young generation to search for alternative means and possibilities of expression in the new technologies.

Since then these activities were based on the total enthusiasm of the artists due to their lack of education in this field as well as their lack of sufficient support for contemporary arts in Bulgaria and particularly the new media art.

The very interdisciplinary nature of this new artform suppose the presence of a teamwork in every step of the realization and presentation. Its ambition is to concentrate intellectual and technical potential inside an adequate structure, with working conditions, and finally foster the development of a media art community in Bulgaria.

The creation of InterSpace Media Art Center was the way to overcome the existing situation and provide an alternative infrastructure and possibilities for people who want to work in the area of new media arts in Bulgaria. InterSpace formation aims also at solving its geographic situation (in periphery) and its cultural isolation.

InterSpace is a famous organization in Bulgaria and it has good contacts with most of the active cultural and art players and has a very broad network of partner organizations. Thusly it will offer the artist in residency to meet other artists and people from our network.

- **Could you please describe the local environment and provide us with information concerning the standard of living?**

Although Bulgaria is still in a period in transition after the political changes in 1989, the upcoming joining to the European Union planned for 2007, foster the country to overcome the economical crises that Bulgaria experienced in the years after the changes. Currently the standard of living in Bulgaria is growing with the perspective to reach the level of the EU even if the food, drinks, transport, etc. are much cheaper than the other countries in the EU.

- **Could you please describe the means of accommodation and the distance from the working place?**

The residents will stay in a flat that will be rent for this purpose. The flat will be in the city centre as much closer as possible to the working place.

- **Which is the amount of the grant (monthly) ?**

An allowance of 500 EUR per month will be given to the artist.

- **Who finances this grant ?**

multi-partners (indicated later).