

Fundaziun Nairs – Residency, Art Gallery, Culture lab Our House Culture

Dear Artists and Guests at Fundaziun Nairs

Welcome to Fundaziun Nairs! The following hints and rules are information for a pleasant stay in the house and should also serve to avoid misunderstandings, so that we all have as much energy as possible for the artistic work. The Künstlerhaus and the Artists in Residence program (AIR) are first and foremost the place of life and work of the artists. However, Fundaziun Nairs is also a cultural institution that has a public character: guests come to exhibitions, individual events, to eat, or they spend a few days among us.

After a big renovation, our house shows a good infrastructure separated into private and public spaces. Certainly, there are sometimes overlaps. We appreciate that the house is kept clean and value a cosy and welcoming atmosphere. Due to our minimal budget, we must be very economical with our finances. For all these reasons, we depend on your support to realize the herein mentioned requirements. Thank you very much for your understanding.

Grazcha fich! Herzlichen Dank! Thank you very much!

The Fundaziun Nairs Team
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ARRIVAL

Transport

The arrival and departure must be independently organized and carried out by the artists. There is no public bus from the station to Nairs. The taxi ride from the station to the Fundaziun Nairs (ABA taxi tel. +41 81 864 80 80) costs CHF 15. Fundaziun Nairs can be reached in about 20 minutes on foot (about 1.5 km) and with light luggage. In case of your first arrival we will pick you up at the station by appointment (except on weekends).

THE HOUSE

Access and Security

The sleeping-rooms and studios in the house can be locked only from inside (see below room keys). Therefore, the doors of the main entrance, the kitchen and the doors to the basement have to be kept locked at all times out of security-reasons. Instead of a front-door key the doors open with a rolling code system.

Room Keys

Each artist and guest of the house can receive a room key for a deposit of CHF 50. We cannot give you the deposit back if you lose the key, as we will produce new ones with this amount.

Liability

Personal effects such as computers and works in the exhibition need a certain security. Fundaziun Nairs cannot be held liable for stolen objects. Please keep the entrance door and kitchen door/windows shut. This fact should not worry you. We live in a very safe area and nothing has ever happened.

Internet

Fundaziun Nairs has wireless Lan. However, the building is in the midst of a canyon, that is why the Internet connection sometimes is troubled and creates problems. The password is on the info wall in the kitchen.

Printing and copying

is possible in the village (Foto-Taisch or Post office). In urgent cases ask the team in the office, you may use the printer (black-and-white) for a small fee (CHF 0.20 per page).

Rooms

Beds, matrices, duvets, bed linen and towels are provided.

Bike

One bike and a small transporter for the bike are available. You can take your own bike with you or loan one in Scuol. Bicyclists need a private liability insurance.

Tools

You will have to bring all special tools necessary for your artwork. Basics, such as a hammer or tongs, can be borrowed in the office.

Multimedia

There are no projectors, monitors and video equipment available to borrow. In the event hall, films can be shown on the big screen. DVD's can be borrowed in the library of Scuol (CHF 2 per DVD and week).

Library

There is a library in Scuol that can be used by the artists for free. The library wishes each artist to deposit his name while borrowing and bring back the books he borrowed. We have some interesting books in the house and you will also find the documentation of works at Fundaziun Nairs over the past 15 years.

Dresses

Please take warm clothes with you - even in the summer we may have snow. Sunglasses, sun-screen and hiking boots are a must to enjoy the mountains! And a swimming suit is worthwhile as there is a thermal bath in Scuol you might enjoy. Furthermore, Scuol offers an indoor (Quadras) and an outdoor (Trü) swimming pool.

Laundry

We have a washer for Fundaziun Nairs and your private laundry. Bed linen and towels will be provided from a company. Please make sure to separate your private laundry from the bed linen and towels laundry.

Heating and airing the rooms

You should not keep your windows open for hours in the cold season. Airing with windows fully open for a couple of minutes enables indoor air to be exchanged in the shortest possible time without cooling walls - otherwise we are heating the entire lower Engadin. This applies also during the summer as the nights can be chilly and the heating operates as well.

Pets

The possibility to be accompanied by pets is very limited due to possible allergies. Please get in touch before applying for a residency if you wish to be accompanied with service animals.

THE HOUSEHOLD

Cooking

At Fundaziun Nairs the artists dine together and cook in rotation. There is a list in the kitchen, where cooks can sign in the days they want to prepare dinner. They will have to cook for the amount of people mentioned on the list. Therefore, we kindly ask you to put absences or possible guests on the list, as well.

Maintaining the house clean

The person responsible for cooking is also responsible that the kitchen and the dining room will be kept tidy. After washing the dishes (dishwasher), we kindly ask you to wipe the kitchen floor.

Please do not leave dirty dishes in the dining room and in the kitchen during the day; i.e. especially after individual meals to wash dishes and order in the dining room. Fundaziun Nairs uses the kitchen during the day with official guests. Your evening chefs especially thank you for not having to clean the kitchen before they can cook.

All artists are responsible for keeping the kitchen and the community rooms clean (incl. toilets and showers).

Food / Shopping

Once a week, the team organizes a large shopping (basic food). Vegetables and fruits. The rye bread is delivered by the baker. In the storeroom store the durable food as well as vegetables and fruits. It is basically cooked vegetarian, a maximum of twice

a week meat / fish for dinner can be purchased. This is bought by the cooks themselves in the Coop. There we have a loyalty card and a 10% card, each of which must be taken (hanging in the kitchen on the left wall). We ask you to buy pricewise (unfortunately we can afford neither organic nor gourmet products).

Special wishes and Alcohol

Our budget does not include extras, which is why we shop very prudently. We rely on the help of all and ask to pay private special wishes out of their own pocket. All alcoholic beverages are charged to the artists and guests.

GARBAGE

Common garbage: Please put the common garbage into black bags and throw them into the container in front of the house. The code for the lock sticks to the wall in the kitchen. Please tell the office when the container is full, the team will organise the waste disposal.

Compost: Please put your organic waste (no food waste) in the blue container. It will be emptied weekly.

Bread: Please collect stale bread dry in paper bags. It will be hand over to a farmer. The bread should not be mouldy or the animals get sick.

Batteries/glass/sheet metal/paper/cardboard and PET: Please do not throw them into the garbage. We collect it in separate containers in the kitchen next to the private-fridge. We dispose it once a week.

ADMINISTRATION / FINANCE

Monthly fee

Please pay the monthly fee of CHF 950 for the cost of food in advance at the office (during office hours) or transfer the money to our Bank-Account, payment orders are available in the office.

Absences

Generally, we hope that the time that you have reserved for your stay will be used to the most possible extent. Absences however are possible and sometimes necessary, but they will not reduce the monthly payment.

Sales during the exhibition

If works are sold during the exhibitions 20 percent of the sales price goes to Fundaziun Nairs. We will use this money for the future of the Künstlerhaus/Residency.

Opening-hours of the office and consultation hours

Office hours: Tuesday and Thursday from 2 to 3pm

Please arrange appointments for organizational questions with the administration (office: +41 81 864 98 02).

LOCAL GUIDES

The following people may be contacted by the artist for a meeting and specific questions about life in the Lower Engadine, the language and customs in our area and also for further project-specific issues. All of them are «Rumantschuns» and closely related to the Lower Engadine, they speak German and English. In return for their services they would like to join us for a dinner at Fundaziun Nairs.

Jan und Christina Sedlacek-Furrer, Sent
Climatologist and Biologist (age 45, 3 children)
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Rahel Famos, Ramosch
Pottery and yoga teacher (age 32, 2 children)
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Jon und Silvia Roner, Scuol
Farmers (about 65 years old)
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Claudia und Men Janett, Ardez
Farmer, Politician, Hunter, Teacher and Founder of the Butia da Besch (Shop for local artisans), (age 65 and 60, 2 children)
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Silvia Schlegel, Lavin
Craft Teacher und Shepherdess (age 42, 2 children)
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GUEST CARDS

In the kitchen you will find guest cards valid in the entire Lower Engadine region. With these you will receive discounts for a whole range of events and classes offered in the Lower Engadine. The current list of all offers can be found at: scuol-zernez.engadin.com/en > «Activities & Experiences» > «Selected Summer / Winter Experiences - Guest Program»

We kindly ask you to return the guest cards in the kitchen after your trip.

GUESTS

The Künstlerhaus has two double rooms (4 beds) for parents, friends of the artists and working partners as well as for guests invited by Fundaziun Nairs. The guest price list is enclosed with the agreement.

In any case, please register your guests early at air@nairs.ch. The artists are responsible for ensuring that their guests adhere to the culture of the house and that all costs are paid after a stay.

OPERATIONAL ASPECTS

Guarding the exhibition

During the opening hours of the exhibition we will have guards who keep a general overview on the visitors.

Openings and Events

In each case we ask in advance who wants to help with the preparations and the organization of the openings and events. We are grateful for assistance in cooking, setting up and dismantling events.

House cleaning

Once or twice a week we have a cleaning professional in the house.

AFTER YOUR STAY

Cleaning your room and studio

The room that you have taken over for your stay has to be left as clean as when taken over:

- Place bed linen in the designated container of the laundry
- Vacuum the room and wipe the floors
- Remove nails, paint, etc.
- Leave walls as found

Feedback

All feedback is welcome. This will help us improving the house and the atmosphere in the future.

Documentation

Please provide us with images, works and short biographies for our documentation and the archive until the end of November. Information is available in the office.

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