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AIR – ARTIST IN RESIDENCE Niederösterreich
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REPORT

How was the residency? Advantages and disadvantages of AIR – ARTIST IN RESIDENCE Niederösterreich.

My heart is full of gratitude... This residency was amazing. The rich cultural heritage of the city and its continued preservation and representation significantly impacted me. The residency offered to me a great and big flat with a well equipped studio so I was able to work here under the best conditions. Everything is provided, even a good amount of grant. I was able to concentrate on preparing for my solo show in Budapest. I created 10 artworks during my stay so this residency was so fruitful.

The residency organisation team is amazing. I will miss Flora, Johan, David and Martina so much. They are so helpful, funny and great people with clever thoughts about art. They are the best part of my residency!

What did you realize during your residency period?

I just realized how different I am and what my good and weak sides are compared to the new situation and culture. Also find similarities and the feeling of oneness. In Krems, the local attitudes towards the region's natural resources and heritage of the past are contrasted with social differences, deep-rooted religiosity. It impacted on me so deeply because I am coming from a different culture and social background. The socio-cultural environment experienced in the new location resulted in me reassessing my personal interpretation of reality. What can we learn about our roots, history, integrity in a foreign but not that far away country? I dived into a unique search for identity, which focuses on the issues of the path of the individual and the community, the possible attitudes towards our environment and the past. We are different and unique but we are all made from the same material and this conclusion created the title of my solos show in Budapest: MADE of DUST

What did you miss at the residency?

I did not miss anything, it was perfect even with the Covid restrictions. Thank you very much for the opportunity!

What do you appreciate at AIR – ARTIST IN RESIDENCE Niederösterreich?

The well equipped flat and studio, the financial, teamwork support, professional office team, the presentations of the artists, perfect location and huge dedication to Art and discussions.

