

Baroque Blue

Ionian SeArt Residency in Italy
VISUAL AND PERFORMING ARTS IN THE NATURE

PRIMOPIANO
Living Gallery

An Art Project by Primo Piano Living Gallery
Lecce, Italy

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NATURE AND SHAMANIC COSMOLOGY

WELCOME IN SALENTO, APULIA REGION, ITALY

SALENTO is a land of myths and legends, of castles and emperors, of Dionysian rituals and cults of the Mother Earth, of ancestral dances linked to the myth of the **TARANTA** and shamanism and more.

LECCE is the main city, a jewel-city of architecture and sites from prehistoric, megalithic, Messapian, Greek, Roman, Byzantine, Norman, Swabian, Spanish eras. Lecce is located between the two seas of the Adriatic and Ionian sides. Lecce is the capital of over 100 small towns with different landscapes, many of which have been inhabited since ancient times.

SANTA CATERINA DI NARDO' it is one of the marinas of the baroque city of Nardò. Santa Caterina offers a spectacular natural landscape with transparent and clean sea.

PORTO SELVAGGIO RESERVE PARK is a large area that includes the marinas of Santa Maria al Bagno and ends at the Palude del Capitano in Sant'Isidoro. There are over 15 sea and surface caves, used by the Uluzzian Man, a kind of **HOMO SAPIENS**, who lived in these areas and whose archaeological evidence is preserved in the Museum of the Ancient Sea and Prehistory Museum in Nardò.

Baroque Blue Experience includes **walking** and **bus excursions** for the knowledge of the territory rich in art, culture, landscapes, for a rewarding sensory experience for all ages.

SOME TOURS

ROUTE OF GENIUS LOCI | ROUTE OF THE NEANDERTHAL |
ROUTE OF THE SHAMAN





FAIRYTALE OCEAN

Reviewed with the Blue Flag
by Italian Touring Club

COMMUNITY FRIENDLY

We support you in interacting with
the community for your projects

STIMULATING

Past and future will be mixed as
pigments of a visionary picture to
drawing every day

ARTISTS FRIENDLY

Ideal for creatives who need a
natural places to working

INTERNATIONAL

Meet artists and creatives from
all over the world



SUSTAINABLE

Focused on nature and land art

CULTURAL

Region and area rich in history
and culture

MEDITERRANEAN

Mild climate and natural food



SPIRIT OF THE RESIDENCY AND GENIUS LOCI

Welcome to Baroque Blue 2024!

Baroque Blue Ionian SeArt Residency is an art project signed by **Primo Piano LivingGallery** that sees protagonists in each edition, artists, poets, writers, performers, filmmakers, musicians, and their Art Curator **Dores Sacquegna**, in one of the most beautiful places in Salento: *Santa Caterina di Nardò* and *Porto Selvaggio Regional Park Reserve* in Apulia's region, Italy. Curator role is to help artists, encourage and stimulate new productions. She is always present in the residency and acts as the main point of reference.

Participants of all ages and backgrounds are called to live a unique experience, in close contact with the **NATURE** and the **CULTURE** of the place, getting to know the millenary history and **GENIUS LOCI** of Salento and enabled to produce artworks site-specific and site-inspired by inputs received. At the end of the residency, the works produced are **exhibited in situ** during the final day, with party, banquets, projections and a group **Thanksgiving Ceremony**.

Primo Piano's mission is to provide artists with a variety of stimulating experiences with which they can conceive new projects or deepen established creative practices.



**SUMMARY OF EXPERIENCE
AND SERVICES INCLUDED**



**ART PROJECT
WITH
CURATOR ON SITE**

**HOUSING
IN THE VILLA
NEAR THE SEA**

**EQUIPMENT TO
WORK ON SITE**

**PRINTMAKING
WORKSHOP**

**SALENTO EVENTS
4-8 WALKING
AND BUS TOURS**

ROUND TABLES

**ITALIAN ARTISTS
AND ART LOVERS
IN DIALOGUE**

APERITIF & WELCOME DINNER

**EXHIBITION AND
PERFORMANCE ON SITE**

KIT PRESS EXPERIENCE

REPORT VIDEO CATALOG

**RECOGNITION
CERTIFICATE**

ART PROJECT RESIDENCY

NATURE AND SHAMANIC COSMOLOGY: THE LOWER WORLD

Curated by Dores Sacquegna

There is a symbol that tells the millenary history of Salento: it is the pictogram of the **DANCING SHAMAN** found in the Neolithic Cervi Grotto in Porto Badisco, defined as the Sistine Chapel of Europe for its numerous and best preserved graffiti.

The cave was discovered in 1970 by a speleological group and was initially called Aeneas' s Grotto, because of the legend that narrates the landing of the Heroes after his escape from Troy and written in the third book of the Aeneid.

Shamanism is the oldest form of spiritual and healing practice that through nature, connects human beings with all natural beings in harmony and balance with natural laws. Common to almost all traditional shamanic cultures is the **VISION** of spiritual reality divided into three worlds: the **Lower World**, the **Middle World** and the **Upper World**.

These three superimposed worlds are connected to each other by the **COSMIC TREE** that the **SHAMAN-ARTIST** can use to make a journey into the past and a return to the present, with the creation of poems, sound, performance and site-specific and site inspired contemporary artworks... accompanied by her **GUIDE-CURATOR**.

This part of the project is dedicated to the **Lower World**. Detailed info will be sent only to the participants.



HOUSING-Residents will be housed in a large villa, surrounded by a pine forest and garden. It is 100 meters from the sea and from the city center where there are shops, bars, pizzerias, supermarkets, restaurants and more.

GARDEN -The large garden and its pine forest offer the possibility of working on site.

ROOMS-The villa consists of a total of **No. 4 apartments and No. 8 rooms** between the ground floor with patio and the last floor with terrace. Each apartment has a private entrance, two rooms (one double and one twin) and two private bathroom, **plus a sofa bed in the living room**. Air conditioning is present in all the apartments, in the sleeping area and in the living room.

KITCHEN-All apartments have an equipped kitchen but also an outdoor patio for lunch or dinner.

MEALS-A dinner on the day of arrival and the day before the departure is provided.

DRINK & FOODS-Each apartment will be equipped with bales of **bottles of water** and **breakfast** (coffee, milk, muesli and jams) for the duration of the stay.

SUPPLIES-The bathroom and kitchen are equipped with detergents and basic stuff for a pleasant stay. In addition, own keys, kit of towels and sheets, washing machine, first aid kit, Wi-Fi to name a few.

CLEANING - Cleaning and sanitation of the villa will be carried out by our suppliers prior to arrival. Daily cleaning is the responsibility of the residents.

HOUSING IN THE VILLAS



EQUIPMENT TO WORK ON SITE

Primo Piano provides the stuff for working in situ with equipment for painting, drawing, printmaking, installation, stationery, Laser printer black, office paper A4, printmaking press and more.

Residents will need to bring their own materials relevant to their work such as laptop, camera, USB to name a few.

Visual artists and performers who have special needs must communicate in time, so they can be purchased and brought to the site before their arrival. Alternatively, artists can send us your material to our warehouse before your arrival. We will take care of bringing it to the villa.

The list of materials will be sent to the participants.

FACILITIES

Upon request it is possible to print the photo works on different surfaces, including fine art paper, forex, aluminum etc. We will put you in touch with our suppliers. For other multimedia works or installations and based on your project, we will find a solution for the supply of materials and more.



PRINTMAKING WORKSHOP CARE OF DORES SACQUEGNA

As our ancestors left the footprints of their passage on earth, we too will leave our creative print of the nature that surrounds us.

The workshop offers residents the opportunity to learn experimental techniques of printmaking and to create plates with the theme of nature or abstract works.

The workshop is inclusive of all materials and equipment to work on site. The techniques considered is **Monotype** and **Collographs**.

Anyone interested should give us confirmation in order to be able to proceed with the purchase of the materials necessary for everyone.

The workshop is not mandatory. Those who are not interested can do something else.



FORM APPLICATION

YOUR DATA - NAME (FIRST + LAST)

PARTNER NAME (fill out only if you plan to apply as couple)

DATE AND PLACE OF BIRTH _____

DATE AND PLACE OF BIRTH PARTNER

ADDRESS _____

CITY, STATE, COUNTRY

AREA CODE/PREFIX WHATSAPP PHONE

E-MAIL _____

WEBSITE _____

DATE _____/_____/_____/_____

SIGNATURE _____

Print, fill out, scan and send it via email together a **picture of you** at primopianoexhibition01@gmail.com or primopianorecidency@gmail.com

NOTE - If you are coming with a friend or a group, please send them the application form to fill out.

Each apartment in the **villa** consists of **two rooms**, one queen room and one shared. Rooms can accommodate a maximum of **two people**. Each room has a private bathroom. In the living room there is a **sofa bed** for those who want to sleep alone. Access to the first and last floor is via a staircase with a few steps. In the garden it is possible to park the car.

CHOOSE THE ROOM IN THE VILLA

- ❖ QUEEN ROOM FOR COUPLE ()
- ❖ QUEEN ROOM SINGLE USE ()
- ❖ FEMALE SHARED ROOM ()
- ❖ MALE SHARED ROOM ()

We understand that everyone eats their food based on specific preferences or health concerns, so for the food offered by Primo Piano, we need to know what you prefer.

CHOOSE ONE

- ❖ I EAT VEGETARIAN ()
- ❖ I EAT VEGAN ()
- ❖ I AM CELIAC ()
- ❖ I EAT EVERYTHING ()

DEADLINE FOR REGISTRATION

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FROM 29 JUNE TO 11 JULY

The cost of the project is inclusive of everything listed on page 5/13.

OPTIONS ROOMS

Queen Room

-€ 3200 Euros (artist's couple on total)

-€ 2400 Euros (single use)

Shared Room

-€ 1600 Euros (for person)

NOTE FEE – Primo Piano is a cultural organizations with educational purpose and have no funds to fully support art projects, even if it is one of goals.

We are always happy to work with and support accepted artists with gaining funding ahead of the residency. We can provide letters of invitation or other documents of support if required.

The registration is confirmed by sending 50% of amount by the expiry dates of **31 March**. The balance must be sent on **30 April** to the Curator whose bank details will be sent later, along with the deadline to join Residency.

PAYMENT FORMULAS

Registration must be sent in EUR currency with the following text: **BAROQUE BLUE 2024**

ACCOUNT HOLDER: PRIMO PIANO LIVINGALLERY

NAME BANK: MONTE DEI PASCHI DI SIENA

ADDRESS BANK: (Ask us if you need)

IBAN: IT25X 01030 80100 00000 18719 71

(do not put space between numbers).

C/C: 18719,71 - SWIFT / BIC: PASCITM1L79

-or via WISE.COM to primopianoatelier@gmail.com

Invoice follow after balance payment.

APPLY NOW BECAUSE PLACES ARE LIMITED!

CANCELLATION AND REFUNDS POLICY

The Art Residency Experience could be canceled or modified if a group of 12 person is not reached, but also, for reasons of National Security. In this case Primo Piano can decide to postpone the Residency or return the full amount paid.

Artists will be able to cancel their registration by the expiry dates of 50%, receiving a full refund of the amount paid. After this dates, artists can only cancel for urgent reasons and will receive a partial refund relating only to the curatorial work with the exclusion of the costs of materials or other supplies already paid.

However, we will do our best to ask our accommodation suppliers to make more additional exceptions. We will stay in touch at all times from the signing of the contract until your departure after the art residency.

GROUP COMMUNICATIONS BY EMAIL AND WHATSAPP

After establishing the definitive number of participants, we will create a **whatsapp group** to be all connected before your arrival in Santa Caterina and during the residency activities. This will also serve to avoid spending money on calls for those who are out of the house and at the same time it will support the various needs of the individual and the group. An **email** will also be activated for communications or group materials.

EQUIPMENT TO CARRY

Remember to bring backpack, comfortable shoes for excursion and sea, summer clothes, camera and any other accessory necessary for the realization of your works.

HOW TO GET SANTA CATERINA

Santa Caterina di Nardò is a village in the province of **LECCE**, in Salento's Peninsula, Apulia's Region, Italy. it is 30 minutes away from Lecce and 5 minutes away from Nardò.

The expected day for **July Residency** arrival at the villa is *June 29* and day to leave it is *July 11* by 10am in the morning.

Based on the arrival time of each participant, a common time will be established for the pick-up from a Meeting Point in Lecce or Brindisi airport by a **shuttle bus** from our suppliers and taken directly to Santa Caterina. The same applies for the return to the Brindisi airport or in Lecce. The cost of the bus transfer will be divided among the participants.

In Apulia's region we have two airports, of which **Bari** (2h from Lecce via bus transfer/car/train) and **Brindisi** (30' from Lecce). We recommend that you search in advance for flights with a stopover in **Brindisi**.

It is strongly recommended to arrive in **LECCE** a few days before, to visit this beautiful city rich in historical monuments, local handicrafts and contemporary art. Among our suppliers also a **luggage storage** in the old city of Lecce.

PREVIOUS RESIDENCIES ITALY

2022 - THE FIVE ELEMENTS AND THE STATE OF BEING [click here](#)

2023 - THE SACRED STONES OF THE SALENTO [click here](#)

2023 - GENIUS LOCI: THE SPIRIT OF THE PLACE AND THE TIME [click here](#)



ABOUT US AND CONTACTS

Primo Piano LivinGallery is a creative and cultural center dedicated to the languages of contemporary art. Through multiple art research activities, it creates parallel opportunities for exhibitions and art residency in the field of visual arts and performing arts in Italy and abroad.

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Dores Sacquegna is a curator and art director of contemporary art. Since 1994 to date, she has worked and reviewed works by recognized artists such as *Christo and Jeanne-Claude*, *Louise Bourgeois*, *Hermann Nitsch*, *Matthew Barney* to name a few.

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