

Open Call

Research residency 2025 for the performing arts in the Theater for Young Audiences

The COMEDIA Theater's new residency for up to 5 people for the year 2025 is open until **15.04.2024**. Applications are open to existing groups, collectives or ensembles of artists from the performing arts. Applications can be submitted online in German or English on the COMEDIA Theater website. All important information about the residency program and the application process can also be found there. The date of receipt of the digital application applies.

What is the COMEDIA residency?

The residency aims to provide professional freelance artists with a laboratory opportunity free from the constraints of performance and results.

The special thing about the residency is that it is an open research format, where the artistic outcome is not set beforehand. It offers time and space for the development and exploration of new, daring ideas - both in terms of new aesthetic approaches, artistic development and current themes. The only requirement is that the artistic research is located in theater for young audiences and is aimed at a target audience between the ages of 4 and 12 as defined in the application form.

During the residency, groups of up to five people can spend four weeks researching a topic of their choice and experimenting with new forms. Instead of a premiere, there is a public presentation at the end of the residency that provides an insight into the research work.

What does the COMEDIA Residence offer?

- a working stay of four weeks for up to 5 people
- 3.000,00 € per person for the residency period
- use of the rehearsal room during the entire residency (24 hours/ 7 days a week)

- professional support in the research process through the COMEDIA Theater's dramaturgy and theater pedagogy department
- one assistant

Residency period: The four-week residency can take place in consultation with the COMEDIA Theater in the following period: **31.03.-11.05.2025**

Who is the COMEDIA residency aimed at?

- Existing groups, ensembles or constellations of professional artists up to 5 people from all areas of the performing arts.
- Preferably to groups, ensembles or constellations of professional artists who have had little or no contact with theater for young audiences and would like to get to know it.
- There is no age limit for the COMEDIA residency - artists of any age can apply.

What requirements do we need to meet as a group?

- The scholarship is designed for up to five people. More participants are not possible, but fewer are.
- Applications from individual artists will not be considered.
- All persons participating in the scholarship must be named on the application form.
- A professional artistic status of all participants is required (participation in at least one production or professional work or own production).
- The applicant's primary residence must be in Germany.
- What obligations apply to the residency?
- There is a general attendance obligation for the residency participants as set out in the contract.
- A work plan for the four research weeks is submitted in advance, outlining the weekly research.

- The residency participants present their research at a final event on the last day of research.
- Final report with feedback on the research fellowship.

Application procedure

Would you like to get to know theater for young audiences and conduct a research? Then apply for a four-week residency at the COMEDIA Theater in 2025!

Fill out the COMEDIA residency application form - which you can find on our website - and send it to the email address given on the form by **April 15, 2024**.

A jury - consisting of Manuel Moser (Artistic Director), Anna Stegherr (Dramaturgy) and members of the COMEDIA young advisory board imp:act - will select a research idea from the applications submitted.

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