

## OPEN CALL: PRODUCTION RESIDENCY AT THE TOP OF SCANDINAVIA

**Welcome to Luleå, a city close to the Arctic Circle in the north of Sweden. Our open call program for 2020 is a 2-step residency.**

Our residency program is a production based one. We like to give the selected artist the opportunity to work in our many workshops, fully equipped with machineries and tools.

The artist will be invited for a week in March 2020 to do research and get to know us at KKV Luleå (Artist Collective Studio), as well as artists, art institutions and the area we live in. KKV will arrange activities and meetings in the art and cultural context during the stay.

The second part of the residency is two months, between 28th of April and 18th of June. The artist will work independently according to one's needs and interests. Before the second part of the residency, the artist has to send in a sketch of work plan, his/her needs in terms of workshops, machinery, tools etc. The artist also has to make sure the work material will be in place before coming back in April.

During the stay, we like the artist to present his/her previous work during an 'artist get-to-gather'.

KKV Luleå is part of Swedish Lapland AiR network with residencies in the north of Sweden. Study visits to partners involved within the network are also possible. Read more about the network at <http://www.swedishlaplandair.com>

### **The residency program will provide the artist with:**

- A grant of 20 000 SEK (SEK- Swedish kronor)
- Travel up to 10 000 SEK
- Material up to 5 000 SEK
- Transportation of work up to 2 000 SEK
- Accommodation in private apartment is included

**NOTE:** the artist will be responsible for the piece(s) produced during the residency, which has to be transported away. No art pieces nor objects will be left at KKV at the end of the residency program.

### **Accommodation**

A 30 square meters-private apartment in the center of Luleå. It's possible to have two guests in the apartment.

## About us

KKV is an Artist Collective Studio (KKV stands for "Konstnärernas Kollektiv Verkstad") based in Luleå. Among the 21 artistic collective workshops in Sweden, KKV Luleå is one of the largest with very well equipped creative labs.

Our workshops are fully equipped with machineries and tools: graphic, screen printing, silk screen printing/serigraphy labs, ImageON (light box), enamel, sculpture (plaster, concrete, wax, stone, ceramic), wood, metal castings (bronze, aluminum), monumental spaces, digital art, and sewing/embroidery machine.

## Criteria for applicants

- Professional artists with minimum 2 years work experience.
- Be 30 year or older.
- Live in Europe (we do not accept applications from Swedish Artists on this occasion)
- Not be enrolled in educational institution during the program period. EXCEPTION: those who are in Ph.D. program are eligible.
- Be in a state of good health and able to carry out daily activities on his/her own.
- Have enough English to communicate with other artists and studio staff.

## Application

The deadline of this open call occurs the 12th of January, 2020, at midnight. The final decision will be taken in January. Send your application to: [info@kkvlulea.se](mailto:info@kkvlulea.se) and mark the mail with "Residence 2020".

Please put below request into one pdf:

- Motivation letter, why you would like to come to KKV Luleå, maximum 1500 words
- Photos of your previous works/projects, maximum 10 photos and 5 projects
- CV
- Address to webpage or other social media
- Contact info

Interviews with 3 selected artists will be conducted the 23rd of January before the final selection.

## Location

KKV is reachable within a 30min walk from the city center or a 7min car/bus ride (bus n. 6). Luleå is served by an airport, a bus and a train station, able to connect it to many regional areas within Sweden. Read more about Luleå further down.

## Contact

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### **A brief history of the city Luleå**

Luleå was founded in 1621 around the medieval church in Gammelstad. Due to land elevation, in 1649 the town was moved to its present location nearly 6 miles towards the sea. The river, the sea, the forest and the mining industry are the elements that have historically shaped the city.

In 1856, Luleå became seat of Norrbotten County while the mining ore line opened in 1888. The iron industry arrived in the 1940's, which led to a rapid development and a high population increase. The last official census in 2017 counted 76,000 inhabitants. Luleå is currently Sweden's 28th largest city.

### **Remarkable facts about Luleå**

- **World Heritage.** The Church Town of Gammelstad, a UNESCO World Heritage Site since 1996, comprises 424 wooden houses, huddled around a medieval stone church and it is the Old Town of Luleå.
- **Archipelago.** The Luleå archipelago comprises over 1,300 islands accessible all year round. Throughout the summer a daily ferry service is available, while in winter the islands can be reached by walking, ski/skating or driving. At the beginning of every year, 25 km of ice roads lead out to some of the most important spots.
- **Attractive university.** The Luleå University of Technology (LTU) is home to students, teachers and researchers from all over Sweden, as well as internationals. The university is a leading research institution in the fields of information and communication technology, metallurgy, mining as well as energy and renewable technologies.
- **Business sector.** The business community is diverse. A broad service sector, steel and engineering industries, a growing trade, tourism and new creative industries such as film production, digital design and social media — like the Facebook Data Center — are the economic drivers of the city.