



# THE TRANSCULTURAL VIDEO AND PERFORMANCE ART LAB

16th - 29th OCTOBER 2018

ON THE GERMAN ISLAND OF JUIST



The TRANSCULTURAL ART LAB (TAL) is a creative experiment, an artistic research laboratory that brings together artists from the South Caucasus and Germany.

During the two-week journey, seven artistic workshops will investigate the idea of 'utopia' - the unreachable good place - through cross-cultural dialogue and creative imagination. Together, participants develop collaborative projects, create self-organised learning, and conduct open discussions on topics ranging from the personal to the imaginable. The collaborative artwork provides a starting point for dialogue, and an open space for divergent thinking.

The small German island of Juist is the setting for this event, a place which has served as an inspiration and creative catalyst for many. For more information about this project and the island, see: [www.designyourutopia.com](http://www.designyourutopia.com)

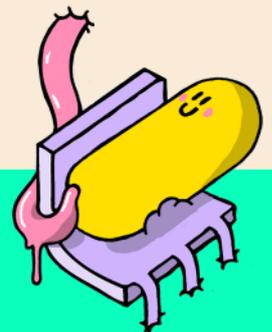


# THE PARTICIPANTS

We are looking for ambitious young creatives who are keen to go on a twelve-day joint venture, and who are:

- aged between 20 and 30
- living in Armenia, Azerbaijan, Germany or Georgia, including the regions of Abkhazia and South Ossetia
- passionate about creative work, and are actively involved in artistic or cultural activities
- enthusiastic about meeting and collaborating with people from different educational, socioeconomic or cultural contexts

The TAL is an inclusive space where young creators from different backgrounds are given the space, resources and time to breathe, reflect on, and reconsider the dreams and realities that shape their daily lives. Furthermore, the TAL contributes to the development of a dynamic network across the South Caucasus and Europe. In the long run, it encourages young people to creatively engage with their societies, and explore the meaning of shared identities beyond historically contingent divisions and borders.



## !! APPLICATION DEADLINES !!

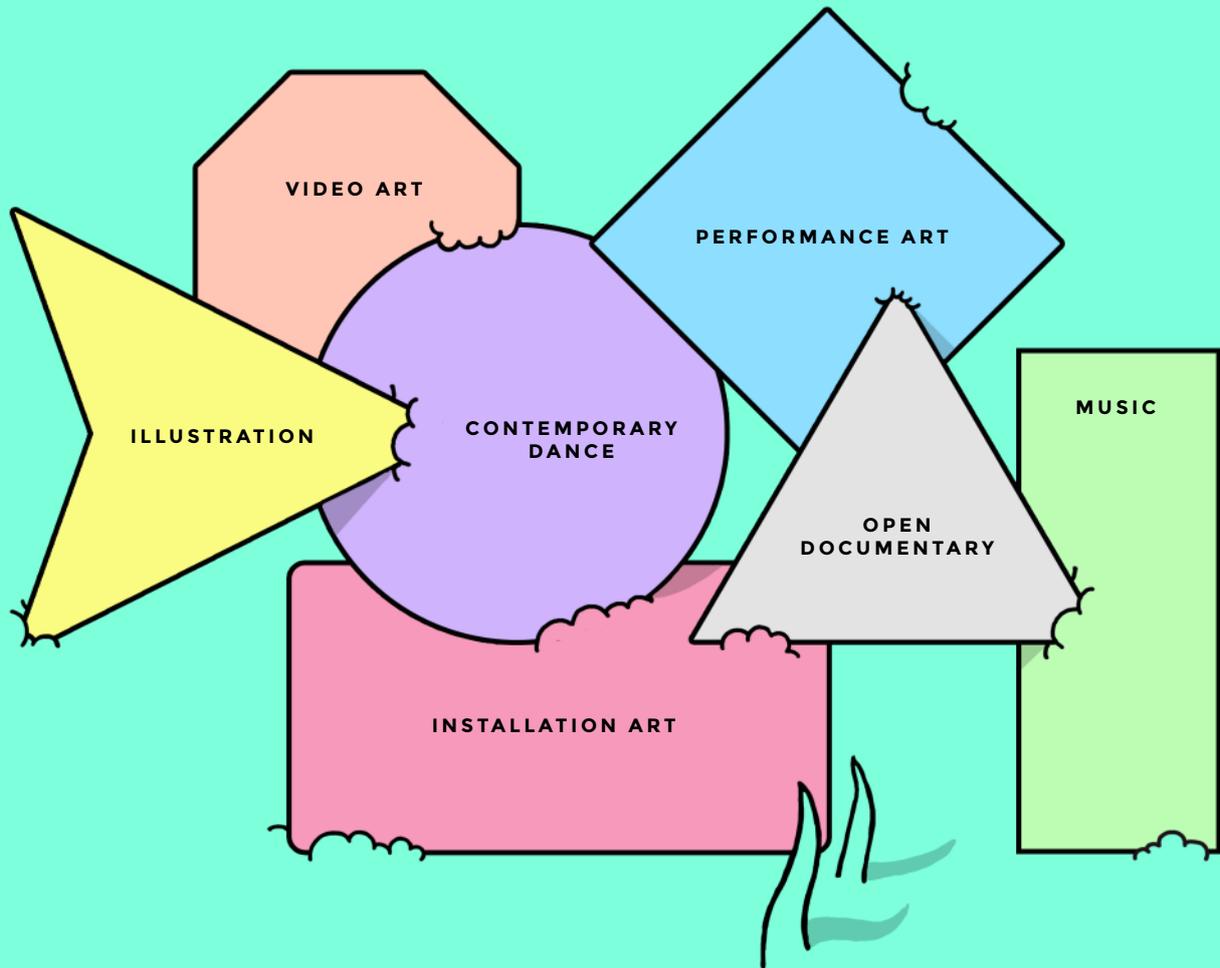
Please note that there are two different deadlines, due to the time it takes to acquire the necessary visas for those coming from the Caucasus region. So:

**IF YOU ARE APPLYING FROM THE CAUCASUS:      DEADLINE = 27TH AUGUST 2018**

**IF YOU ARE APPLYING FROM GERMANY (and/or do not need a visa):**

**DEADLINE = 16TH SEPTEMBER 2018**

# THE WORKSHOPS



Each workshop is facilitated by a professional artist, who will help the participants explore the theme of utopia, and provide guidance for their collaborative project work. At the conclusion of the TAL, all artwork will be presented to the public in an exhibition on the island.

As well as the workshops, there will be many other activities on offer, including yoga, kayaking, climbing, archery and film nights. Participants will also get the chance to propose their own activities, to share their knowledge and experience with the rest of us.

## HOW TO APPLY

For your application we would like you to send us samples of your ideas about *utopia*. Feel free to interpret this however you like - what does this word mean to you? You can send us a sample of your idea in one of the following formats:



**A text you wrote**  
(max 500 words - note that we are far more interested in poetic-style work than formal essays!)



**A video you made**  
(max 1 min; max 3MB)



**A piece of music performed by you**  
(max 1 min; max 3MB)



**A work of art/ photography/ design you created**  
(single images/series; max 3MB)

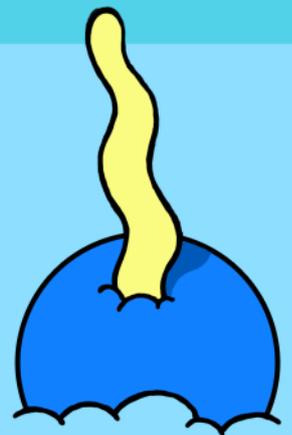


Please email us your application, including

- 1) a short CV
- 2) your samples

by the **27th August 2018** (if you're from the Caucasus)

or the **16th September 2018** (if you're from Germany) to:



**[designyourutopia@jubi-juist.de](mailto:designyourutopia@jubi-juist.de)**

## PARTICIPATION COSTS

Most of the costs will be covered. The fee for the two week experience is €150\*. We will cover all of your travel costs from the capital of your country to Germany, and we will also take care of food and accommodation. Once your application has been accepted, we will ask you to confirm your registration. We will then facilitate the visa application process and book the flights, in cooperation with our partners in Baku, Berlin, Sukhumi, Tbilisi, Tskhinvali and Yerevan.

\* In the case of hardship / if the amount of €150 exceeds your financial capacities, please let us know and we will try to find extra funding to facilitate your participation nonetheless. Talk to us!



## THE ISLAND

The ART LAB takes place on a tiny German island in the North Sea, called Juist. The area is part of a National Park, and is very much exposed to the natural forces of the tides and the weather. There are no cars allowed except for the ambulance and the fire brigade! Therefore, it's an ideal place to retreat from the loud noises of the cities, to rethink commonplaces and to start on something new, living in a multinational community.

The course language is English. You will share a room with two or three people. All food is provided; vegetarian, halal and other diets are available upon request, just let us know.

## ABOUT US



Organised by a group of international artists, the TRANSCULTURAL ART LAB is hosted by the Youth Education Center Th. Wuppermann e.V, on the German island of Juist.

The first edition took place in October 2016 (with young artists from Armenia, Azerbaijan, Georgia and Germany) and was funded by the German Federal Foreign Office and the Ministry of Social Affairs - Lower Saxony. The second edition followed in October 2017 (with young artists from Armenia, Azerbaijan, Georgia and Germany, as well as the regions Abkhazia and South Ossetia) and was funded by the German Federal Foreign Office, the Ministry of Social Affairs - Lower Saxony and the European Union Erasmus+ programme.



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