

OPEN CALL!

School of Poetic Scores

Residency period: 1 April - 31 May 2027

Cittipunkt e.V., Berlin

Deadline: 10 September 2026

We invite five practitioners at the intersection of poetry and performance living in Creative Europe countries* (excluding Germany) to apply to participate in the School of Poetic Scores at Cittipunkt in Berlin.

Structured by the questions: What are the conditions to write? What is the necessity to read aloud and be read to? We would like to consider the material conditions and social relations which make it possible to engage critically with abstractions and that which is sensed. We are committed to the performative role of the poet as agitator, critic, demystifier, and interpreter of struggle. This communally and self-organized residency in the shape of a school takes a collective approach to working with writing and performing poetry.

Extrapolating the concept of the score from the Fluxus movement, we understand it both as a set of instructions or a notation system for a performance, but also employ its wider uses as an organization of actions, a count, a result, a musical arrangement, or dispossessed value.

Framed as a school and co-learning environment, participants and local mentors will work together, but also independently, building on their existing practices. During the two months, participants will rotate through (re)productive roles on a weekly basis, whereby each week a different participant will frame the twice-weekly sessions and introduce a new score to be performed and co-developed. During these rehearsal weeks, the participants also have the possibility to host their own public programming at Cittipunkt. The school will end with a collective public presentation of the works at Cittipunkt.

The working language of the residency will be English, but we encourage participants to work in their languages.

Who should apply:

- ~ practitioners who work collaboratively (as this is a highly collaborative environment)
- ~ practitioners who work at the intersection of poetry, performance, writing, and reading

Eligibility:

- ~ Applicants must be a legal resident of a Creative Europe country*, excluding Germany
- ~ Participants are expected to be present in Berlin for the duration of the two-month period

We offer each selected participant:

- ~ A total stipend of 1800 € (for 60 days)
- ~ Travel allowance of 400€ for travel distances under 5000 km and 800€ for travel distances from 5000 km
- ~ Shared accommodation for two months in Berlin
- ~ Shared rehearsal and work spaces will be made available during scheduled times at Cittipunkt
- ~ Depending on personal circumstances, each participant may be eligible for one or more mobility, visa, or family top-ups, and/or accessibility support

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How to apply:

Please send us the following as a single PDF (max. 20MB) by September 10th, 2026,
to schoolofpoeticscores@protonmail.com

- ~ your contact info
- ~ a proposal for a score and/or why you're interested in participating (max. 250 words)
- ~ a text on your practice (max. 150 words)
- ~ a writing sample of poetry (max. 10 pages or 5 poems, any poetic form)
- ~ optional: CV (max. 1 page)

For questions:

schoolofpoeticscores@protonmail.com

Access note:

The workspace, Cittipunkt, is located on the ground floor. The working room includes tables, chairs with backrests, and ceiling lighting. A toilet and a small kitchen are included in the space. The main entrance door is 100 cm wide; there are two small thresholds at the entrance (4 cm and 6 cm). The toilet door is 80 cm wide. The nearest public transport stations are M13 Seestraße/Amrumer Straße (450 m), U9 Amrumer Straße (700 m), and U6 Seestraße (800 m). The kitchen is available for use at all times, and food and drinks are welcome. The indoor space is non-smoking; smoking is permitted outside.

***eligible Creative Europe countries include:** Austria, Belgium, Bulgaria, Croatia, Cyprus, Czech Republic, Denmark, Estonia, Finland, France, Greece, Hungary, Ireland, Italy, Latvia, Lithuania, Luxembourg, Malta, Netherlands, Poland, Portugal, Romania, Slovakia, Slovenia, Spain, Sweden, Albania, Armenia, Bosnia-Herzegovina, Georgia, Iceland, Kosovo, Liechtenstein, Moldova, Montenegro, North Macedonia, Norway, Serbia, Tunisia, Ukraine, Azores, Madeira, Canary Islands, French Guiana, Guadeloupe, Martinique, Mayotte, Réunion, Saint Martin, Aruba, Bonaire, Curaçao, Saba, Sint Eustatius, Sint Maarten, French Polynesia, French Southern and Antarctic Territories, New Caledonia, Saint Barthélemy, Saint Pierre and Miquelon, Wallis and Futuna, Greenland.

Please note: For this project, Germany is excluded from the list, and applicants registered as living in Germany are not eligible.

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