

# ARTISTS IN RESIDENCE "PAYS'ART"



## Open call

### REGARDING "PAYS ART" PROGRAM AND MESOLOGY

Since 2013, the **Botanical Garden of Marnay-sur-Seine** created in 1995, has welcomed artists in the "Pays'art" program. Residents reside in «La Maison Verte» which is situated in the center of the village, and is directly linked to the Botanical Garden. It invites artists of all nationalities to enjoy a time of creativity, reflection and production in a rural environment.

"Pays'art" is a concept that emerges from "**mesology**" the science which studies the relationship between beings in general, or human beings in particular, with their natural environment or «milieu».

Nowadays, the French philosopher and geographer Augustin Berque is the principal representative of mesology, which has now acquired a new hold with the radical changes that epigenetics have introduced into the question of evolution. From molecular biology to the ecological crisis of the real world, from quantum theory to history and geography, from medicine to works of art and architecture, the deployment of the mesological perspective questions the fundamental ontology and logic of modern civilization. "Pays'art" is inspired by the scientific and philosophical thinking that mesology provokes.

To know more about mesology: <http://ecoumene.blogspot.fr>

The aim of "Pays'art" is to open a field of reflection and expression towards a paradigm shift in the anthropocene era.



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## TERMS OF STAY

La Maison Verte accommodates up to 3 artists at the same time. The house comprises 3 individual bedrooms, 1 kitchen, 1 communal room and a shared bathroom. The house is furnished and has kitchen utensils, dishes, sheets, bath towels, a washing machine and an Internet connection. It will be understood that communal spaces (kitchen, living room, garden, bathroom) will be respected and put back in order after each personal use (replacing equipment used, washing-up, cleaning).

La Maison Verte hosts artists for a **creative residency** from May to September. It also hosts artists for a **research residency** during the winter from October to April. La Maison Verte organizes a public presentation of the artist's project after a creative residency, contacts the local press to publicize the event and shares it on social networks.

Artists can stay from 2 to 12 weeks and they will need to provide us with a certificate of health insurance for the duration of their stay. Because of the risk of allergies for certain people, animals are not accepted.

La Maison Verte will do its best to facilitate your artistic project and provide you with the gardeners' expertise. Garden tools are available to you. When needed, we can arrange meetings with locals and help you to discover natural areas around Marnay-sur-Seine.

Works created by the artists can be presented to the public in the botanical garden, or in other communal spaces. Artists may leave a work at the end of their stay, in testimony to their residence and to contribute towards building an artistic heritage.

## FINANCIAL PARTICIPATION

A contribution of 500 euros per month is asked of each artist and any accompanying person to participate in the running costs of the house. For reasons of organization and logistics, the stay will have to be paid in advance and will be non-refundable.

Everyday expenses such as food, travel and transportation as well as the material needed for their project, will be the responsibility of the artist.



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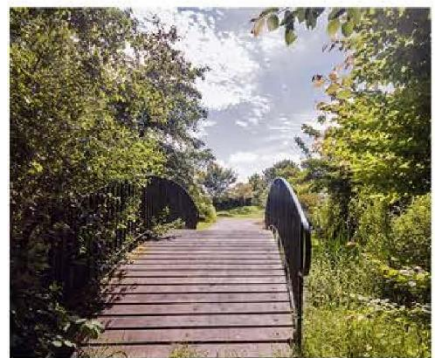


## THE BOTANICAL GARDEN of MARNAY-SUR-SEINE

Founded in 1995 on the initiative of sculptor Didier Rousseau Navarre, it was financially supported by the Ténôt Foundation, and later by the Ténôt Family. The principal objective was to create first Botanical Garden in the Champagne-Ardenne Region. This garden has received the epithets of “Jardin Botanique de France et des Pays Francophones” and “Jardin remarquable”. The main objective is environmental education and the initiation into natural sciences, while raising awareness on environmental issues. Being a recognized Botanical Garden of France, it also contributes towards scientific research and conservation.

The Botanical Garden of Marnay-sur-Seine covers 2 hectares. The Educational Path facilitates the comprehension of the evolution of plants and the rules of their classification, the Ornamental Garden comprises rare species displayed by artistic gardeners. There are also other themes such as: The Shaded Garden, the Cottage Garden, the Romantic Rosarium, medicinal plants, the square of kitchen herbs and aromatic plants. The Conservatory Garden displays the different natural surroundings and the flora of the Seine valley. All the species displayed are labeled and form a living dictionary of plants coming from different regions of the world.

In its cultural and artistic vocation, the Botanical Garden association opens a space under the name “Pays'art”. It is a space which claims artistic creation as a gesture without boundaries: in this sense it is universal and invites interaction, sharing, exchange and change. The artist is invited to develop a creative process involving the environment, the local cultural heritage, and nature.





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## THE VILLAGE of MARNAY-SUR-SEINE

### A LITTLE HISTOIRY

Marnay-sur-Seine is situated in the Champagne-Ardenne region, approximately one hour from Paris. Situated in the flood plain of the Seine's left bank, it has 250 inhabitants. The name "Marnay" comes from "Madriniacus" a Roman or Romanised and owner. Its existence has been confirmed by a Charter from 859 signed by Charles the Bald, first King of France.

### TO SEE

A beautiful 12<sup>th</sup> century church classified as a historic monument with romanesque frescoes from the 12<sup>th</sup> century, a panel of Saint Nicholas from the 16<sup>th</sup> century, and a wooden carved Annunciation., A beautiful 17<sup>th</sup> century priory sits along the Seine, which offers beautiful walks. In the heat of the summer you can enjoy a refreshing dip.



### PRATICAL INFORMATION

- Interesting places near Marnay-sur-Seine:
  - Paris: 110 km (≈1 hour by train and 1h30 by car)
  - Epernay: 76 km (≈ 50 min)
  - Troyes: 50 km (≈ 40 min)
  - Provins: 20 km (≈ 20 min)
  - Nogent-sur-Seine: 5 km (≈ 6 min)
- Supermarkets, bakeries, hardware stores, newsagents in Nogent-sur-Seine. Art shops in Troyes and Paris.
- How to travel to Marnay Marnay-sur-Seine:
  - By train: The nearest station is at Nogent-sur-Seine. From the *Gare de l'Est* in Paris, take the train towards Troyes or Culmont-Chalindrey and get off at Nogent-sur-Seine station. You can consult train and bus timetables on the SNCF website. Enter your place of departure and Nogent-sur-Seine as your destination. then the precise date and time of your journey.



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- By bus: Four times per day. from Monday to Friday, a bus goes from Nogent-sur-Seine train station to the town hall of Marnay. You can check the timetable of TER on <https://www.ter.sncf.com/grand-est>.
- From Nogent-sur-Seine train station you can also take a taxi and ask for Marnay-sur-Seine. The fare cost around 15 euros.
- By car: consult the route planner.

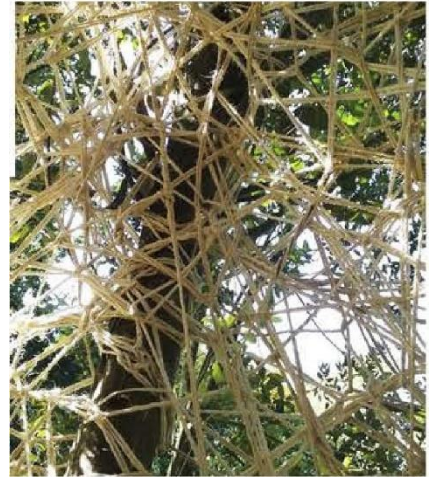
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## TO PRESENT YOUR APPLICATION – APPLICATION DOSSIER

The dossier will comprise of:

- Completed application form (next page);
- A letter of intention stating the reasons that inspire you to apply, also the research project or the work (complying with “Pays’art”) which you envisage will be carried out during your stay;
- A curriculum vitae ;
- Photographic documentation (10 images maximum) and/or a video with a description of each work;
- A copy of your Identity Card or valid Passport;
- A certificate of health insurance for the full duration of your stay (to give us if your application is accepted).



*Belén Roncoroni > Argentine*



*Alejandro Sanchez Suarez > Colombie*

The applicant's dossier will have to be received by us at least 2 months before the desired period of stay by email: [lamaisonverte@jardin-botanique.org](mailto:lamaisonverte@jardin-botanique.org).

Please note, that an artist can not do more than three residences in a row.

For any inquiries regarding the residency program, please contact [lamaisonverte@jardin-botanique.org](mailto:lamaisonverte@jardin-botanique.org).

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## TO PRESENT YOUR APPLICATION – APPLICATION FORM

*Thank you for being good enough to complete this form and sending by email with all the requested documentation.*

**Name:** .....

**First name:** .....

**Gender:**.....

**Date and place of birth:**.....

**Address:**.....

**Telephone:** .....

**E-mail:** .....

**Website:** .....

**Family status:** .....

**Nationality:** .....

**Artistique discipline:**.....

Will you make a **creative residency** or a **research residency**?

**Title of your project:**.....

**Desired period of stay** (minimum: 2 weeks - maximum: 12 weeks)

From.....to .....

or

From .....to .....

*If you suffer a chronic disease or follow some treatment, please do not forget to bring your ordinances and inform us here:.....*

**Will you be alone or accompanied?**

*If accompanied, please note that we need exactly the same documents as for an artist (identity, health insurance certificate).*

**Name:** .....

**First name:**.....

**Gender:**.....

**Age:**.....