



## ART CIRCLE Slovenia & Italy 2026

**Open Call for professional visual artists (painting, drawing, sculpture, photography) from around the world. ⚠️ WARNING: Applications that do not fully meet the eligibility requirements (incomplete applications) or are received after the deadline will be excluded from further consideration and rejected.**

**Residency Period: October 3 - October 10, 2026**

**Location:** Slovenia, Italy

**Final event:** Friday October 9, 2026, Pomnik miru, Cerje, Slovenia

**APPLICATION DEADLINE: 25.6.2026**

### About

ART CIRCLE is a festival of KUD Manifest, a non-profit organization. The festival was founded in Slovenia in 1997, from 2011 in this form, with the goal of organizing international visual arts festival, residencies for artists and cultural events to connect the culture of visual arts with tourism, economy and diplomacy. Since then, ART CIRCLE has hosted hundreds of artists from around the world at up to seven events a year in Slovenia and abroad. The key connecting part of the circle is the Art Embassy, a special form of art residency. More recently, the organization has expanded to organize events in Italy, Austria, Sweden, Australia, and Germany under the umbrella of ART CIRCLE International.

### Primary goals of ART CIRCLE

- raising awareness of the importance of culture and the arts
- education in the field of culture and arts
- connecting culture with the economy and tourism
- international cooperation
- generating connections/networking of cultural figures

### Art Circle provides

- free accommodation and meals during the residency period
- free cultural program during the residency period
- canvases 100 x 120 cm (horizontal) and 40 x 40 cm
- a group exhibition of the created works at the end of the residency period

### Artist obligations

- transport to and from a specific Art embassy (we help you get the funding through your diplomatic embassy in Slovenia)
- specific art material such as paint, paintbrushes, tools, glue, etc.
- working hours: 24hours per day. Mandatory presence in the studio is daily from 15:00 -17:30 (open to the public)
- art works produced during the residency period are donated to ART CIRCLE Collection.

**Locations:** <https://artcircle.si/en/art-embassies/>



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Please submit this form and all attachments to [artcircle2011@gmail.com](mailto:artcircle2011@gmail.com), maximum . Applicants will be selected by a professional jury and will be notified by email. Applications must be complete in order to be considered. Incomplete applications will not be reviewed.

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**APPLICATION FORM**

Please fill out this form and all other documents in English.

Please submit this form and all attachments to [artcircle2011@gmail.com](mailto:artcircle2011@gmail.com). **MAX 5 MG, PDF format.**

**EMAIL SUBJECT: Application for ART CIRCLE 2026**

**PROFESSIONAL TITLE:**

**NAME, SURNAME:**

**COUNTRY OF ORIGIN/NATIONALITY:**

**E-MAIL ADDRESS:**

**HOME ADDRESS (POST):**

**LINKS/WEBSITE, FB AND INSTAGRAM:**

**MANDATORY ATTACHMENTS:**

1. Short professional biography and profile photo (formal education is obligatory - BFA, MFA or higher) in pdf.
2. Portfolio of 3 to 6 representative photos of your recent art production and short text about your work, that you will create at the residency, maximum 5 MB