

**steirischer herbst '21**

**Call for project proposals for the Parallel Program**

steirischer herbst is Europe's oldest festival of interdisciplinary contemporary art. It is held every autumn, running for approximately four weeks in September and October. Aside from the core program, curated by the director and the curatorial team, the festival includes the ORF musikprotokoll, STUBENrein, and Out of Joint festival as well as a rich Parallel Program composed of local institutions that show autonomous projects. In addition, the festival collaborates closely with various local initiatives.

steirischer herbst would like to have a broad spectrum of local yet internationally relevant initiatives present their projects at the forthcoming festival.

### **Who can submit proposals?**

steirischer herbst is specifically looking for projects that have a critical agenda and that are politically aware. There is no particular subject to which projects need to refer and the projects are not expected to relate to steirischer herbst's yearly curatorial focus.

This invitation is extended to projects conceived and developed in the context of nonprofit cultural organizations in Graz and Styria as well as to individual artists and cultural producers active in different disciplines who currently live and work in Graz or Styria.

Projects have to open or premiere in the autumn of 2021 and should take place in their entirety or in part during steirischer herbst '21 (23.9.–17.10.21).

Please note that only proposals for newly developed works and productions will be considered.

steirischer herbst reserves the right to choose from the projects submitted, and the curatorial team of the festival is responsible for the selection. Criteria of selection are artistic quality and international relevance.

### **What do we offer?**

steirischer herbst offers a broader context for the projects and a platform for wider communication. Selected projects will be part of steirischer herbst's Parallel Program, will be included in the festival schedule and calendar, and will be

announced in steirischer herbst's guidebook, in communication and press material, and on the festival website.

Some of the projects might receive financial support. In exceptional cases, the curatorial team might want to enter into closer collaboration with certain artists and their projects. Submitted projects may potentially get included into the festival's core program.

steirischer herbst however is not responsible for the production or the organization of the projects in the Parallel Program, nor for finding venues for projects. All projects in the Parallel Program have to be organized by the participants themselves.

### **What should you send to us and by what deadline?**

Please send your project proposals to: [parallel@steirischerherbst.at](mailto:parallel@steirischerherbst.at)  
The deadline is **Monday, 18.01.21, at 17:00.**

We will get in touch with you at the end of March 2021. Please note that steirischer herbst will not publicly announce the final list of projects included in the Parallel Program until the entire program of steirischer herbst is made public. Should you need to make announcements earlier, we will find tailored solutions.

### **Please send us the following materials:**

- 1) short description of the project, with a maximum of 500 characters,
- 2) longer description,
- 3) budget calculation for the project if you wish to be considered for financial support,
- 4) information about the institution or a CV of an artist, not exceeding one page,
- 5) information about the venue where you plan to show your project (if different from 4),
- 6) documentation of the artist's practice (video and/or audio files, installation views) and, if applicable, visual material of the project proposed. For performative projects (theater, dance, etc.) video material is absolutely necessary.
- 7) Please send links or attachments in low resolution. Unfortunately, we cannot consider entries not accompanied by all necessary documents or materials.

Please note that material you submit will not be archived.

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