

## Cetate Arts Danube Residency: Simon Iurino, Stefan Radu Cretu, Cristian Raduta, Napoleon Tiron

Cetate Arts Danube, Romania



Since 2008, every summer in the proximity of the Danube a space of artistic confluence and creation becomes alive.

At **Cetate** artists from different generations and different artistic fields gather here to create freely, inspired by the magnetic beauty of this region in a growing art movement that covers painting, sculpture, drawing, photography, land art and video

art. The spirit of the workshops is based on free creation, non-dogmatic just individualistic art movement that in this area bears no creation rules or schedule. Of course, the themes always seem to be related to the Druga estate venues and the Danubian landscapes. The old family premises are becoming a place of discourse and debate, creating the framework to let evolve and promote Romanian talents in fine arts.

The vision of the **Joana Grevers Foundation** has upon this generous place, on so many levels, the desire, not only to present Romanian contemporary art in a professional way, but also to create the proper environment for art-making and art promoting. This place is thought to be part of the Danubian tourism and to be included on the venues map for travelers on the Danube, thus transforming a former agricultural place into a space of culture and touristic attraction. The Druga estate would function in the future on these parameters. Every building on the property would have an artistic purpose. From the park that would gather numerous sculptures to the grain storage that could easily host a permanent Romanian contemporary art collection. Many of the artworks already exist there and many more are to be made! The buildings that were, back on Druga's days, the stables, will be transformed into art residences apartments and studios. The smith's shop has already been transfigured into a beautiful white chapel as a place for meditation and the imposing administrator's house (which has a south traditional architectural style) could be a bookshop and a cafeteria. Not to mention that the beautiful villa would still be the heart of the estate, remaining the Joana Grevers Foundation base ground.

Unlike ever before, this edition is entirely dedicated to Sculpture and features four artists: three Romanian artists from different generations: **Stefan Radu Cretu** ( Sibiu), **Cristian Raduta** ( Bucharest) and **Napoleon Tiron** (Bucharest). And, as every year, the residency has an invited artist from abroad: the sculptor **Simon Iurino** from Vienna.

The previous editions of the residency featured important contemporary artists, living and working in Romania and abroad – Romul Nutiu, Raphaëlle Boutié, Adriana Elian, Anca Bodea, Cristian Raduta, Stefan Radu Cretu, Maggie Michael, Marina Albu, Alexandru Niculescu, Marilena Preda-Sanc and many others.

Artists:

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