



Kriti Gallery and Artist Residency, Varanasi, India

Kriti Gallery and Artist Residency was established in 2006 by Navneet Raman, a citizen of Varanasi.

Navneet's passion lies with the arts; the heritage and culture of his home city.

It is his vision to create and nurture an interactive center for the arts and to provide a working environment for artists that will provide an opportunity to interact with the local community.



In 2008 he was joined by Petra who soon became an integral part of the artist residency and gallery. Both Navneet and Petra live and work in the residency.

Kriti Gallery shows contemporary art from all over the world, in all media including fine arts, photography, new media, installations, miniature painting, music and dance. Events and performances are also hosted at the gallery and in the gardens.



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Over the past 10 years Kriti Artist Residency has hosted more than 180 artists from all over the world and who have worked in many different kinds of media. The team at Kriti provides assistance in getting the projects started by introducing local networks, describing cultural and historical circumstances and backgrounds, getting permissions if needed or whatever is needed to make the project a success. The Kriti team is keen to share its expertise and extensive network in the field of the arts. We have close links with artists, craft communities (wooden toys, clay, silk weaving, stone carving etc) and with cultural institutions in Varanasi and across India.



The residency also welcomes people who are interested in research, history, arts and crafts and who seek to spend time in India among local people engaging in the life and culture.

Single travelers and first time visitors to India find it very helpful to have a creative home to get adjusted with the city, the people and stories.

Kriti Gallery and Artist Residency collaborates with local educational institutions by hosting talks, workshops and gallery/artists visits for travelling education programs such as Banaras Hindu University, local schools and international study programs including Asia Link, Fulbright, New Zealand Culture, School of the Arts, Chicago, Goteborg, Hebrew University and Lee Yuan University Singapore.

Residency Application

Kriti invites applications from artists and artistically inclined people who are eager to interact with local culture while working on their artistic journey. All kinds of media or research ideas are welcome. It is open to researchers, writers, journalists and scholars as well.

There is no special format for the application. A simple email providing some background for your interest in staying at the residency is sufficient. Some information about your works so far via website, photos, your CV or a basic artist statement should be included.

Residencies are available from August to the end of April and a minimum of one calendar month is required. Extensions are available for one month at a time.

You may make your application at any time during the year.

Please contact navneet@kritigallery.com or info@kritigallery.com for information about vacancies.

About the Residency

The residency is located about 3km from the Ganges, 10 minutes by cycle rickshaw. It is surrounded by a garden for contemplation, reading, gatherings and work. The local area is semi residential with shops, street stalls, a hospital and transport nearby.

There are four self-contained studios of about 50 sqm each and consisting of two rooms: a studio/living room with kitchen annex, a comfortable bedroom with fan and AC, a bathroom and toilet with shower and hot and cold water.

There is also a one room studio with bathroom and mezzanine bedroom, also with fan and AC.

The monthly fee includes provisions for a delicious healthy breakfast of fruit, museli, yoghurt, home baked breads, tea and coffee and filter water.



Vegetarian home cooked lunches and dinners are provided from Monday to Saturday, where possible using fresh produce grown in the kitchen garden of the residency.

Electricity and WIFI are available but please be aware that we sometimes experience electricity cuts for short periods and WIFI is, like many places in the world, not 100% reliable at all times.

An airport pick up is provided and you will be taken on a fascinating city walk for orientation.

At the residency the garden and kitchen are shared. Meals are eaten together but privacy is provided in your studio.

We are sensitive to the environment and cleanliness on our campus, avoid plastic and packaging whenever possible.

We organize day trips in the area, go for walks in the city and around, see Bollywood movies and local classical concerts, celebrate the many festivals and enjoy the cultural programs in the city.

The garden in the residency



Our studios...





Private bathrooms and the communal kitchen.



Two dogs Badal and Bijli...

For further information including vacancies and other details please contact Navneet or Petra at any time.

We look forward to hearing from you

Best greetings

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