

# Artist-in-residence programme Europe

## Linköping Sweden 2024

Linköping municipality is proud to be able to invite a professional artist working in the municipality's Sister City of Palo Alto, USA, to an Artist-in-residence exchange in Linköping, Sweden during the spring of 2024.

The last day for the application is October 31.



**Linköping**

Where ideas come to life

## Background and history

Linköping is Sweden's fifth biggest municipality, with 166,000 inhabitants. The city is located in Östergötland, in the southeastern part of Sweden. Linköping is a cultural centre, the seat of the county government, a university city with 27,000 students, has an extensive aircraft industry, is a cathedral city, and was historically a regimental city as well.

Linköping is an expanding city that many people want to live and work in. The city is surrounded by a landscape of plains and lakes, with easy access to nature experiences and outdoor life.

Linköping also has a rich cultural heritage and many preserved historical sites. The most famous of these is Linköping Cathedral, from the 12th century, and the Gamla Linköping Open-Air Museum, with preserved wooden buildings and street settings from the previous turn of the century.

Other museums include the Air Force Museum, the Museum of Östergötland, and a Castle and Cathedral Museum. Linköping is also home to the regional Östgöta Theatre, the House of Dance and the Saga Theatre, with a full programme of theatre, musicals and contemporary dance.

Every year the city arranges a Week of Dance, Linköping's Culture Days, a well-attended city festival called Linköping's Stadsfest, and much more.

Linköping is renowned for its public art. During the first half of 2006 a roundabout dog appeared on one of the city's roundabouts. The artist behind it is Stina Opitz, and her dog marked the beginning of a whole new type of street art which received a lot of media attention, and which subsequently spread to other parts of Sweden and even abroad.

A housing fair in the city's Vallastaden district in 2017 drew both national and international attention with its wide-ranging offering of contemporary architecture, public art and technology and embellishment of public spaces.



## The aim of the Artist-in-residence programme and the exchange with Palo Alto

Linköping municipality wants to initiate a programme intended to launch an exchange within arts and culture that is fruitful for the individual artist but also reaches out to citizens in the form of public exhibitions, "artist talks" and workshops.

Over the longer term we hope that an artist from Linköping will be given the opportunity to exhibit in Palo Alto. The management of the Passagen art gallery is positive to presenting an international artist in Linköping in the spring of 2024 and to the artist contributing to Linköping's art scene through talks and workshops.

The Culture and Sport Administration at Linköping municipality is responsible for culture, sport and leisure and youth matters. The Administration has 260 employees and includes the following units:



### Konsthallen Passagen – Linköping's art gallery for contemporary art

The municipal art gallery Konsthallen Passagen is Linköping's arena for contemporary art. The gallery was inaugurated in 1998 and is located in the city centre.

Every year Passagen hosts fourteen exhibitions with a regional, national or international perspective. The gallery's activities are closely aligned with the municipality's goals, which state, for example, that everyone who lives or works in Linköping should feel that the city's art offering is varied and of good quality. Passagen's exhibition programme is broad and varied.

An important part of the gallery's programme is Studio Passagen, which arranges creative activities for children and young people. Additionally, a number of concerts, lectures, dance performances and similar events are arranged every year by the gallery.

<https://www.facebook.com/pg/passagenkonsthall>

## Linköping offentlig konst (LOK)

Linköping municipality applies the 1 per cent rule. This means that 1 per cent of the cost of new construction, conversion and extension of public premises, spaces and buildings intended for public activities is allocated to artistic embellishment. Linköping offentlig konst LOK (Linköping Public Art), which is part of the Passagen gallery, runs, coordinates and provides quality assurance for the art projects, as well as being responsible for their realisation. Unburdened by functionality requirements, public art is a bearer of messages to the next generation.



## Artscape 2020

The Artscape street art festival was held in Linköping in the autumn of 2020. Artists from all over the world were invited to join Swedish and local colleagues in transforming the urban landscape in inspiring and imaginative ways.

Artscape regards it as a natural part of every project to invite the general public to join in making a lasting impression on their surroundings. As a result there were co-created artworks in which everyone, irrespective of their experience and age, could participate in making art together with artists.

<https://www.artscape.se/>

## Studio and artists' associations

Linköping has established studio and artists' associations with professionally active artists.

### *ALKA*

The artists' centre and association ALKA has more than 20 studios, a carpentry workshop, photo lab, a sound studio and a guest artist's studio. The members are professionally active artists.

[www.alkakonst.com](http://www.alkakonst.com)

### *Krogen Amerika*

A collective workshop for artists who work with wood engraving, etching, photo etching, lithography, and computer graphics, among other techniques. Around 25 artists work here. There is also an association open to anyone interested in printmaking.

[www.krogenamerika.com](http://www.krogenamerika.com)



## Kulturhuset Agora – a creative venue for all Linköping

Agora – a cultural centre for everyone and a popular venue in Linköping. Centrally located in the Skäggetorp district, Agora draws visitors of all ages. Besides the modern library which is the heart of the building, there is a digital studio, a music studio, a creative art studio, several stages, as well as several conference rooms that can be booked, and two small guest apartments. Agora also has a media workshop. In the Digital Studio and Ateljén på Agora you can work with still and moving images as well as sound. Help is provided for you to create your stories and edit your images or video in our workshop. Agora also offers school programmes and holiday activities. The artist in the Artist-in-residence programme will be offered accommodation in an apartment at Agora.

<http://www.linkoping.se/agora>



## Kulturhuset Skylten – Linköping's creative core

Skylten is a centrally located cultural centre for all ages and artistic expressions. It is run by Linköping municipality together with local cultural associations such as ALKA. Skylten is where local, national and international culture meet to generate all forms of artistic expression. It is a place for new ideas to grow, collaborations to take off, and experiences to be had. The building has artists' studios, dance studios, a café, and scenes for all forms of culture. All Linköping residents can find their place and their passion here, and together create the future of Skylten. The artist in the Artist-in-residence programme will be offered a studio at Skylten.

Website: [www.linkoping.se/skylten](http://www.linkoping.se/skylten)

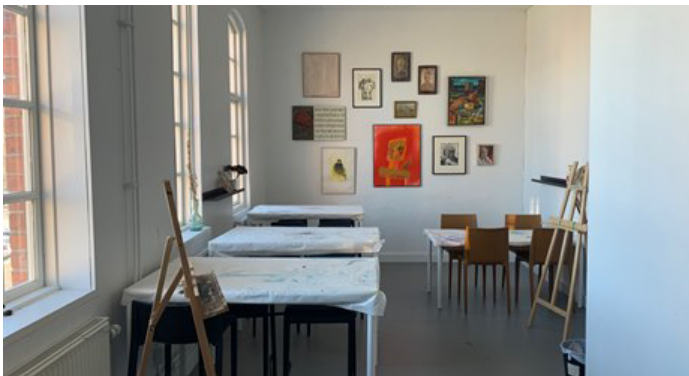
Instagram: [@skylten](https://www.instagram.com/skylten)

Email: [skylten@linkoping.se](mailto:skylten@linkoping.se)

Linköping municipality will invite a professional artist from Palo Alto, USA to spend 4–6 weeks in Linköping. This includes a grant, free access to accommodation in a guest apartment at Kulturhuset Agora, a studio in Kulturhuset Skylten and finally an exhibition at Konsthallen Passagen.

This is included in the programme:

- A round trip ticket Palo Alto-Linköping
- A grant of SEK 3700 SEK/ week
- An exhibition at Konsthallen Passagen
- Artists' materials up to a value of SEK 5000
- A 20 sq. m. one-room apartment with kitchenette (free of charge)
- A 33 sq. m. studio (free of charge)
- Artist talks – the opportunity to participate in public discussions about art in Linköping
- Workshops – the opportunity to run workshops for art schools in Linköping



*Studio at Skylten*

Requirements for applicants

- A professional artist with a higher education degree
  - CV with a portfolio – PDF format, max 5 MB file
  - A personal statement in letter form
  - Letters of recommendation (from institutions or individuals)
- Send these to: [elisabeth.asp@linkoping.se](mailto:elisabeth.asp@linkoping.se)

Schedule

- Arrival in April 2024 (or as agreed)
- Exhibition at Konsthallen Passagen (as agreed)



Linköping's Artist-in-residence programme is a collaboration between Linköping municipality, the Culture and Sport Administration and its units Konsthallen Passagen, Kulturhuset Agora and Kulturhuset Skylten. Support provided by the Culture and Sport Committee.



*Interior of Agora*

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