



VILLA ELÄINTARHA

Villa Eläintarha is an artist residency in a wooden villa in centre of Helsinki, next to Töölönlahti bay. Villa Eläintarha focuses on production residencies – residencies that aim for a realisation or presentation of a piece of work in Helsinki. Minimum residency duration is 1 week, maximum 2 months.

Villa Eläintarha is maintained by HIAP – Helsinki International Artist Programme. HIAP does not provide production support for the projects, the support is provided by the organisations that invite the artists (festivals, galleries, museums, etc). The residency is made possible with the support of City of Helsinki and is developed further in dialogue with the city.

Who can apply?

The artists' residence in Villa Eläintarha is mainly intended for foreign artists and Finnish artists who reside permanently abroad. The residence is open to artists who come to Helsinki as a guest of a local association or who come to work independently. Professionals from all fields of culture can apply for the residency.

Following applications are prioritized:

- Production residencies (residencies that aim for a realisation or presentation of a piece of work in Helsinki)

- Performing arts residencies and residencies that aim for a realisation of work in public space
- Residencies organised in collaboration with small cultural organisations (which don't necessarily have the financial means to realise residencies without the affordable facilities of Eläintarha Villa)

Furthermore, the applications are considered based on how the residency contributes to the art and cultural life of Helsinki.

Facilities



Villa Eläintarha is an old wooden villa that is located in Tokoinranta, near Töölönlahti bay. The vicinity of the bay and a peaceful park around the villa ensure a pleasant and quiet living environment. The busy Hakaniemi marketplace with shops and versatile transport connections is located only a five-minute walk from the villa. The main railway station is about a kilometre away and is easily accessible by foot.

The facilities in the villa offer residents a home-like environment. There are five individually decorated single rooms and four of the rooms also have a possibility for an extra bed.

Price of the rooms include bed linen and towels. The residents share a living room equipped with a television, two bathrooms with a shower, two toilets and a kitchen. The kitchen is fully equipped so the residents can cook their meals. A washing machine and a dryer are also available to the residents. The artists' residence is located on the second floor and it is not accessible to people with certain physical disabilities.

Smoking is prohibited indoors.

Residents cannot bring pets to the residence.

Application procedure

To apply, please fill in the [ONLINE APPLICATION FORM](#).

You may submit an application at any time. Applications concerning the following year can be submitted from 1st of April.

Once a reservation is confirmed, it is binding. A reservation can be changed or cancelled 30 days prior the start of the residence period at the latest. A reservation that is changed or cancelled at a later time will be invoiced according to the original reservation.

The minimum period at the villa is seven days and the maximum period is two months. We handle applications within one month of receiving them. If the evaluation criteria is met, and there is capacity for the applied period, we will confirm the residency by email. If a residence period cannot be granted, we will also inform the applicant by email.

Prices 2019

The rent for the room for one person is 38 €/night for the first 14 nights and 16 €/night thereafter. For additional persons in the room the price is 16 €/night per person. The minimum period is one week, and minimum charge is 228 euros (tax incl.).

A visitor of a resident (such as the spouse of an artist), who sleeps in an extra bed in the same room, must be approved in advance.

Babies who have their own bed and bedlinen can stay at the villa free of charge. An assistant of a disabled artist can stay in the same room in an extra bed free of charge.

Any changes/cancellations to a reservation must be made by email at least 30 days before the start of the residence period so that compensation can be given. After the said period, the full price will be charged according to the original residence period. We recommend contacting us as early as possible in case of changes or cancellation.

An invoice for the rent will be sent upon the confirmation of the residency reservation. The invoice must be paid according to the due date on the invoice prior to arrival to the residency. We cannot accept payment in cash or by card at the villa.

If there are any additional charges that occur during the residence period due to for example a lost key or damaged property, they will be invoiced in arrears.

The person who receives and signs for a key to the residence is responsible for it. If the key is lost, the person who signed for the key or a party represented by them is responsible for the payment of a new key. Rekeying the locks of the whole residence due to lost keys is considered on a case-by-case basis. If rekeying is necessary, the person who signed for the lost key is responsible for the costs. Damage to the property or any movables must be reported immediately.

History

Villa Eläintarha ("Zoo Villa"), the neo-Renaissance wooden villa, was built in 1889 as a home for Oskar Frans Blom and his wife Olga Cecilia Blom (née Wikander) for his life's work for the state railway company. The villa used to be part of a larger villa community on the outskirts of the city, but only part of it remains today. Through the years, the buildings have had to make way for new railway lines.

The old wooden villa was later bought by the City of Helsinki, and it has been carefully restored, retaining the building's original spirit. The operating idea has been to create a window into the atmosphere of a 19th century bourgeois home as closely as possible.

The house was converted back to residential use as an artists' residence in 2000.

Floorplan



Contact information

Any questions about Eläintarha Villa can be sent via email to villa@hiap.fi.

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