

ARTIST
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VILLA WALDBERTA
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Call for applications
Poet-in-Residence
Villa Waldberta / Lyrik Kabinett, Munich

Application Deadline: 20 January 2026

Period of Residence: 07 July until 24 September 2026 (1 position)

Stiftung Lyrik Kabinett and ARTIST IN RESIDENCE MUNICH, Villa Waldberta, are offering a joint three-month research and writing stay as poet-in-residence between 07 July and 24 September 2026. The guest poet will live at Villa Waldberta and have access to the holdings at Lyrik Kabinett poetry library for their work on a writing project (poetry/poetry translation/artist's book). With view to increasing the public visibility of poetry and furthering local exchange, the resident writer agrees to give a reading at Lyrik Kabinett. Their participation in at least one public event held at Villa Waldberta (Open Studio) is encouraged.

Lyrik Kabinett

Lyrik Kabinett Foundation (www.lyrik-kabinett.de), situated in proximity to Munich's LMU University, runs the second-largest library specializing in poetry in Europe. Its current stock of around 75,000 items embraces German-language and international poetry from all periods. We systematically collect poetry, as well as selected poetological works and works of literary criticism, but not secondary literature in a strictly academic sense. Furthermore, we hold a collection of rare artists' books (ca. 3,000 volumes and objects). For the library catalogues, please see: <https://www.lyrik-kabinett.de/en/library/catalogue/>.

Villa Waldberta

Villa Waldberta (www.air-m.de) in Feldafing at Lake Starnberg holds five apartments. Additionally, salons on the ground floor are suitable for joint activities between the artists-in-residence and are regularly used for events. The grounds include a large park, the Chauffeurshäusl (hosting another apartment) and the Palm House, an 80 m² studio that can be used as a workspace and for exhibitions and events.

Stipend

As part of the residency programme, the guest artist is given a scholarship and accommodation contract of €1,300 per month from the Department of Arts and Culture of the City of Munich. The sample contract can be found here: <https://www.artistinresidence-munich.de/application/>. The accommodation including a private kitchen and bathroom is rent-free, and one-off travel costs to and from Munich (economy/2nd class) will be covered by Lyrik Kabinett. The resident writer will receive a fee for the reading given at Lyrik Kabinett.

Application

Applicants should have good written and spoken command of English or German; their writing project as such may be conducted in any language. Please submit your application in English or German as a pdf document to [info\[at\]lyrik-kabinett.de](mailto:info[at]lyrik-kabinett.de) (Subject: Waldberta-Residency) by **20 January 2026**, consisting of the following components:

- artist's statement incl. project description (max. 2 pages)
- bio incl. list of publications (minimum requirement: one book or two chapbook publications, or equivalent achievements in fields such as Spoken Word) (max. 2 pages)
- sample of work (max. 2 pages)

Please do not include an application photo. We welcome submissions by applicants of all nationalities, religions, sexual and gender identities, age groups and social backgrounds. Villa Waldberta is not wheelchair-accessible. Applicants must have their normal residence outside of Bavaria. We are unable to accept applications from people who have previously held residencies at either Villa Waldberta or Ebenböckhaus.

Jury and selection process

The selection is made by the Department of Arts and Culture of the City of Munich based on the recommendation of a committee consisting of representatives of Lyrik Kabinett and ARTIST IN RESIDENCE MUNICH. Applicants will be notified by mid-March 2025.

Data protection and email communication

Your data will be used in accordance with the applicable statutory regulations. Please be aware that our email systems are unencrypted and we are therefore unable to rule out security vulnerabilities.

Also see:

<https://www.artistinresidence-munich.de/datenschutz/>
<https://www.lyrik-kabinett.de/datenschutz/>

Further information and queries

With any project-related questions or questions on the Lyrik Kabinett poetry library, please contact [info\[at\]lyrik-kabinett.de](mailto:info[at]lyrik-kabinett.de), with any questions concerning the scholarship and the accommodation at Villa Waldberta, please contact [air-m\[at\]muenchen.de](mailto:air-m[at]muenchen.de).