

SURREALE

Residency call

2026



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Società Ginnastica di Torino / FLIC Scuola di Circo, project leader of Surreale – contemporary circus residencies, supported by the Italian Ministry of Culture (MIC) and the Piedmont Region within the framework of the "Artisti nei territori" project, promotes the call "Surreale" to identify new circus projects to be supported as part of the 2026 artistic residency program.

RESIDENCY CONDITIONS

Art.1 – Objective of the Residency Call

The purpose of the call is to identify contemporary circus artists (Under 35 years old) who know how to interpret **circus language** in a contemporary, innovative and multidisciplinary way, through the interaction of different scenic and narrative languages.

Art. 2 – Who can participate

The call is aimed at:

- **Artists (Under 35)** who come from Europe having the desire to develop a project in a short form of 20 minutes. Subjects with formal Artistic Residency programmes and amateur companies are excluded from this call.

Art. 3 – Deadlines and schedule

The projects must be sent by e-mail according to the terms illustrated in **art. 7**, before and no later than the **23rd of March 2026 at 23:59 (GMT +1)**.

Art. 4 – Selections

The selection will take place in two phases:

First selection phase: an internal Committee will evaluate the proposals received and select 8 finalist projects.

- Matteo Lo Prete - Director of Reale Società Ginnastica di Torino and FLIC Scuola di Circo
- Giovanna Milano - Cultural project manager of FLIC Scuola di Circo, Artistic Curator of Spazio FLIC show season and Surreale Residency
- Dario Sant'Unione - Technical Director of Reale Società Ginnastica di Torino and FLIC Scuola di Circo

Second selection phase: the finalist projects will be evaluated with the help of external experts from the **Talea circo** network (Dinamica APS, Circo all'Incirca, MagdaClan Circo, Cordata F.O.R., Quattro4 Circo ETS).

Following this final selection phase, the Committee will select **the 4 winning projects**.

Evaluation criteria will be: the artistic curriculum and/or training, the technical and interpretative abilities, the contemporary language and the dramaturgical interest in relation to the realization, the characteristics of the multi-, inter-, trans- disciplinarity, the theme in relation to the realization.

Art. 5 – Support available to the winners

The four Under 35 projects will receive:

- 15 days of artistic residency during 2026 at Spazio FLIC in Turin (dates to be agreed with each winner);
- A net contribution of €1,900.00 as support for the creation;
- A net contribution of €1,000.00 for mentoring activities.

The works in progress of the selected short formats will be presented as part of the Spazio FLIC 2026/2027 show season.

An artistic residency is defined as a working period of 15 days, which do not need to be consecutive, at Spazio FLIC: a 700 sqm open space equipped for circus disciplines, with changing rooms, showers, and restrooms.

The residency periods must take place within the following time frames:

- July 13, 2026 – August 8, 2026
- August 17, 2026 – September 6, 2026

If the Selection Committee considers that the submitted projects do not meet the artistic criteria of the call, it may choose to select fewer than four projects or none at all.

Art. 6 – Obligations of the selected Under 35 artists

The selected artists (Under 35) are required to guarantee their presence of 15 days (not necessarily running consecutively) for the above-mentioned periods, to be agreed upon based on the activities timetable of FLIC Scuola di Circo. (July 13, 2026 – August 8, 2026 | August 17, 2026 – September 6, 2026)

The selected artists (Under 35) are required to indicate, in all public and promotional materials related to the selected project, the words: "with the support of RSGT / FLIC - Residenza Surreale".

Art. 7 – Application process for participation

To apply to the call, applicants must send the **Application Form**, completed in all its parts, to the email address info@flicscuolacirco.it with the subject line "**Call Surreale 2026**", no later than **March 23, 2026 at 11:59 p.m. (GMT+1)**.

The following documents are mandatory attachments: a project description, the curriculum vitae of the artists involved in the project, and a valid identity document of the project leader.

Applicants may also submit additional descriptive, poetic, photographic, and video materials in support of their application.

For further information, please contact info@flicscuolacirco.it

Art. 8 – Results

The results will be published **by the 13rd of april 2026** on the official website: info@flicscuolacirco.it

The winners will receive also a direct communication to the e-mail addresses indicated in the application form.

Art. 9 – Privacy

The data collected for this call will be processed in accordance with Italian Legislative Decree, 30 June 2003, n. 196 "Code regarding personal data" and the GDPR (European Regulation 2016/679).