

for Kunstmeile Krems Betriebs GmbH  
AIR—ARTIST IN RESIDENCE  
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## REPORT

I'm very grateful for a wonderful possibility to spend one month (June 2022) at AIR-Krems residency. I found this program for artists very inspiring. I would like to heartily thank to wonderful AIR –Krems team: Klaus, Paula, Cornelia and Flora, who are very friendly and helpful and who did so many efforts that fellows would have smooth and creative time here.

In fact, being far from home and being “out” of usual everyday life, it gives a chance to refresh your own thoughts, senses and feelings. I think residency doing impact on artistic activity in two different ways: internal and external.

Of course, first of all artists' residency gives a possibility to concentrate on creative work. Here I worked on pieces for piano for children and on new songs for voice and piano. The war in Ukraine impacted me on choosing the Lithuanian folk text about war and strongly evoked my feelings of temporality, which I tried to embody in my music.

From the other side, I see a big advantage of the residency to meet other artists from other nations and different fields, to exchange ideas with them and to broaden the creative horizons. I was very lucky to have very creative and wonderful companions here. We nearly every evening went to *Heuriger* and enjoyed very much sitting outside, eating Austrian national dishes and having endless talks...

I found Krems and its surroundings very inspiring. I was fascinated by this cozy very old town and hills with the huge vineyards. Stift Göttweig, which is in very close distance from the residency, was one of the highlight for me from the time in Krems. Finally, Krems is very well located –it is just 1,5 hours by train from Vienna, which is one of the most inspiring center for art.

Concerning living conditions, I found the apartment for living and working well equipped with all necessary things there. In the apartment for musicians –Top 23 – there is even excellent piano! Concerning disadvantages, I found this apartment Top 23 a bit noisy and quite hot (since I was during hot summer time). Therefore, if it is a possibility to improve here anything, I think it would be excellent to have an air conditioner...

I would like to heartily thank once again for this possibility to spend one month at AIR – Krems residency. I believe that this unforgettable experience will impact very positive my further creative future.

Sincerely –

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