

# THE BINIARIAN RESIDENCY

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## THE PROGRAM

We are commencing a creative FILM/ART/PERFORMANCE residency in Benin City, Edo State. This residency is exclusively for practicing professionals who have a distinguishable style in the form of expression, be it film or fine/visual art.

The Residency will run for four weeks (from May 24<sup>th</sup>, 2022), during which time the participant will be taken around the city, especially to ancient tourist sites including the Oba's palace, the bronze casters' guild, and the ancient moat.

Afterward, each participant will host two sessions with students and other art enthusiasts (including the press) where they will talk about their art, their style, and their inspiration. Then, they will highlight anything they have experienced so far that might influence their work going forward.

Finally, they will be required to create something new that reflects their recent experience - a modified form of expression that opens up the frontiers of novelty.

Their experiment(s) and findings will then be documented and linked to their name(s) for future academic referencing (using blockchain technology).

We shall take charge of the participants' accommodation, and a weekly stipend for feeding. Regarding transportation, vehicles will be made available for exploring the city, and the relevant permits will be secured to ensure a hassle-free experience for participants, while on the field. We shall also help with securing local talents to aid the production process (especially for the filmmakers and other performers who require a team). However, each participant will be expected to attend the program with their own tools for storytelling.

Subsequently, we shall have exchange programs in France, the US, the UK, Trinidad & Tobago, and the Bahamas.

Participants will be given the freedom to manage their time as they wish, as long as it does not affect their productivity. Any participant who fails to create a strong impression of his subjective expression within the first 12 days of the residency will be asked to discontinue the program.

## **WHY?**

Why are we doing this? One may ask. We want to raise a new generation of Pan-African scholars who will contribute to the conversations and trends that will shape the creative space in the near future.

They are enthusiastic, young creatives who will use their art to instigate a renaissance for the African continent, so our culture, history, and unspoken yearnings can be established and reinforced in a manner that is irrevocably vocal, expressive, endearing, curiosity-inspiring, and altogether unequivocal.

## **FOR WHOM?**

The residency is designed for people of all ages because we believe that age does not hinder creative expression; rather, the experiences that come with age can offer a springboard for comparisons between previously-held views and sentiments and the creator's present reality.

## **HOW TO APPLY**

Each Interested participant is expected to [register](#) online at [www.realtimefilmfestival.com](http://www.realtimefilmfestival.com)

It is important that every intending participant must have a unique, distinguishable style that shows forth in their work. To this end, each applicant is expected to attach a two-page essay that captures their creative identity, background, influences/inspiration, socio-political views, and current philosophies that guide their present body of work, in the chosen form of expression to be explored during the residency.

Applicants must indicate/fill up the following fields – country of origin, chosen specialty, academic qualification (though not required to be considered for the residency), personal website, social media handles, and contact information. Applicants must also include links to publications, reviews or articles that have been published about them, and their work.

### Other materials you must submit include:

- A recent CV
- A showreel / Demo reel / Portfolio (Audio-visual) – depending on what medium best captures your art.
- A signed acknowledgment letter stating your voluntary interest to participate, and acceptance of the terms guiding the residency.
- A very recent passport photograph.

Please, be reminded that we only have 15 slots to be offered to qualifying applicants. We advise all applicants to send in their applications in a timely manner.

**[REGISTER HERE](#)**

For more information, please, call +234 802 563 8418, or email [biniresidency@gmail.com](mailto:biniresidency@gmail.com)