

VIR Viafarini-in-residence program

The program VIR Viafarini-in-residence is organized in Milano, Italy, since 2008 by Associazione Viafarini APS, registered non profit founded in 1991 as “associazione culturale senza scopo di lucro”, aiming at the promotion of artistic research. The program is curated by Giulio Verago (b. 1980), co-founder of Endless Residency research platform about artist mobility and coordinated by Viafarini team. The program is recognized as of cultural relevance by Lombardy Region. Viafarini is a partner of STARE Italian network of artist residencies.

VIR Viafarini-in-residence is organized into three time frames of four months each:

January - April ; May - August ; September - December.

The program is also open to receive applications for curatorial residencies, whose length may vary.

VIR Viafarini-in-residence is a shared studio program, conceived as a platform for artistic production and research, based on knowledge sharing among participant artists. All participants are invited to share space of life and space of work, so as to foster peer-to-peer learning among artists and art professionals. Italian and international artists are selected through permanent Open Call, in dialogue with leading Italian Art Academies and thanks to exchange agreements between Viafarini and other international residency platforms. Since 2008 the program has hosted more than 250 artists, curators and practitioners from more than 40 countries.

During each residency round the program involves the two venues of Viafarini:

_ Archivio Viafarini, part of Fabbrica del Vapore post-industrial creative hub in via Procaccini 4 (Chinatown district), is a 600 square meters space that hosts the organization office, a documentation center that comprises 6.000 artist portfolios collected by Viafarini since its foundation and around 30.000 books and catalogs about contemporary art, as well as a co-working space for professionals of the creative field, interested in establishing a dialog with VIR residency artists. Archivio Viafarini is recognized of historical relevance by the Italian Ministry of Culture.

_ VIR Studio complex, located in via Carlo Farini 35 (Isola district), is a 240 square meters shared studio space, the organization also runs 3 independent apartments located upstairs the studio, made available for international guest artists and curators.

Activities:

_ artists are invited to present their ongoing research and project proposal at the beginning of the residency so as to introduce themselves to the rest of the resident artists and to curators and creative professionals of Viafarini network;

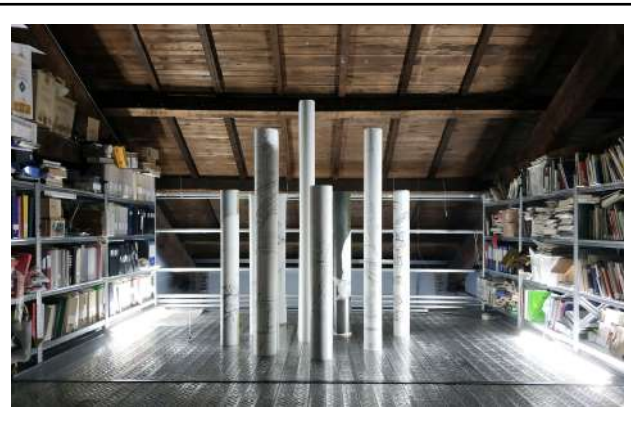
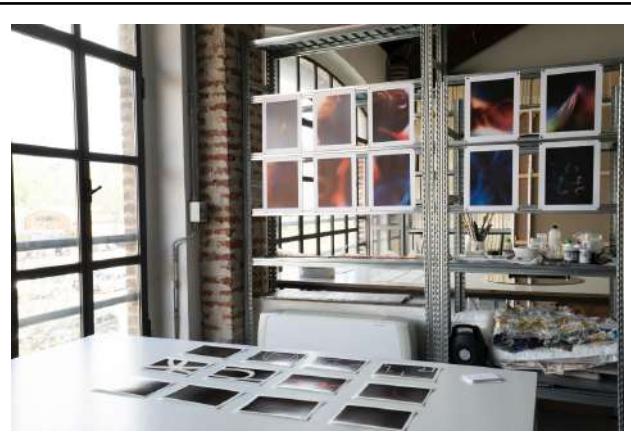
_ the project of the artists are communicated and promoted through Viafarini network in order to receive studio visits by Milanese and Italian art professionals;

_ the work of resident artists is also communicated through Viafarini social media (Instagram followers: +15.000)

_ the team provides curatorial support and organizes cultural visits to nearby cultural centers, creative hubs and workshops;

_ at the end of each residency period a final Open Studio event is organized in both venues, allowing visitors to enjoy the works of the artists as well as the research findings. Every Open Studio event is documented through photo and archived in the organization website - www.viafarini.org

Archivio Viafarini



VIR Studio and apartments

