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May 31, **Application** for the 19<sup>th</sup> artists's symposium Strömungen/Proudění

Call for papers! Wanted: concepts of Czech and German artists, who will produce work on the theme of „We do not have a formula“ from October 14 to 23 2022 at riesa efau. Kultur Forum Dresden. The results of this symposium will be presented in the gallery „Runde Ecke“, opening 22 October 2022. For more information please contact [Sylvia.Angele@riesa-efau.de](mailto:Sylvia.Angele@riesa-efau.de) or [Lenka Holiková, kc.rehlovice@gmail.com](mailto:Lenka.Holiková,kc.rehlovice@gmail.com). Applications to riesa efau, c/o Sylvia Angele.

**Theme: We do not have a formula**

Growth outside of the comfort zone – or: is there something like the 'scent' of life?

We have been in a process of change which had started long before the covid pandemic struck us. Are we admitting that we are completely at a loss and helpless when writing 'We do not have a formula'? Do science, society, economy or politics have a formula or recipe? There are all sorts of formulae - contradicting, helping, damaging, useless and complementing ones. It would be dishonest to maintain that we have a formula against ailments, certain phenomena or problems. By asking for a formula or recipe, even though knowing that easy instructions of action will not work in complex societies, we distance ourselves from those who pretend to know everything there is to know.

Each formula serves a specific purpose – prescribed it is supposed to heal or cure something – either a person's or a society's ailment. In a recipe a formula is a list of ingredients which usually helps to achieve a tasty result. By saying 'We do not have a formula', we simply confess that we have no answers (yet), it is a recognition, that our knowledge is limited. It is an invitation to ask questions. Stepping back makes room for thinking as well as for action. The statement is an encouragement to generate positive impulses from a negation. The ambivalence of the moment creates surprise as well as an in-between. This enables discussing problem solving and dialog among diverse groups.

We may not have a formula, but we have ideas and resources to make people receptive for solidarity, candidness, spontaneity, the lucky accident, the scent of life.

And we invite you to do so: Bring your formula, your non-formula, your symbolic search to the symposium and discuss your ideas with the others, so that together we can create an inspiring area, a temporary laboratory, in the round corner of riesa efau.

**Requirements for participation:**

Eligible are foremost Czech and German artists with a written concept.

Interested artists please contact [Sylvia.Angele, Sylvia.Angele@riesa-efau.de](mailto:Sylvia.Angele@riesa-efau.de), or [Lenka Holiková, lenkahol@volny.cz](mailto:Lenka.Holiková, lenkahol@volny.cz)

In June we will invite to a Zoom meeting in which each applicant will present his/her concept. The jury of riesa efau, Kultur Forum Dresden and the kulturni centrum Řehlovice will chose the participants by 15 July 2022.

Regular attendance throughout the entire workshop, as well as interest in intercultural exchange! Please apply only if you can be present in person throughout the entire symposium!!

**Provisional program:**

Arrival of the non-local participants: 14 October 2022, departure: 23 October. Start of work at the facilities of riesa efau: 15 October, opening: 22 October.

**General conditions:**

- the group will consists of a maximum of 12 artists
- accommodation of the external participants in a holiday apartment. A daily dinner at the restaurant of Stadt Riesa
- Material support per participant up to Euro 50,- in agreement with the organizers and presentation of receipts
- The symposium is a joint project and can only succeed if everybody co-operates and communicates with one another. Particularly in times of Covid 19 we are all dependent upon each participant to strictly adhere to the hygiene regulations.
- The results of the symposium will be presented at the show room „Runde Ecke“ of riesa efau and published on [www.riesa-efau.de](http://www.riesa-efau.de). We are planning on printing a catalog.
- Unlike to former regulations we kindly request a participation fee as support for the project.
- A following exhibition will be in January 2023 in der Galerie Gotické Dvojče in Litoměřice.

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