



HICKSTER PROJECTS

Poggio Boldrini, San Giovanni d'Asso, 53020 SI, Italy

Hickster Projects is offering an artist's residency opportunity, twice a year in July and September. The resident artist will have 24hr access to a private studio deep in the rural Crete Senesi area of Tuscany, famed for its light and exquisite desert like landscape. The studio (20 msq) has five skylights, and a glass floor to ceiling door, with diffuse LED lighting for working in the evenings, and an outside sink. It is therefore ideal for painters, and visual artists.



Outside the studio



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Inside the studio

There is also an independent, one bedroom, very comfortable cottage (35msq) with all facilities provided. The residency is self-catering. Fast WiFi is available in both buildings. There is access to a private art library. A small car is provided, to enable the resident to reach the nearby village and the local train station, where connections can be made to the fantastic national rail network of Italy, enabling visits to Siena, Rome, Florence and beyond. Residencies are normally one month in duration with selection being made by committee.

Expenses paid for by the artist:

- Travel
- Supplies
- Food

The nearest Airports are Pisa, Rome and Florence with pick-up from the local train station, Asciano Monte Oliveto. The nearest village, San Giovanni d'Asso is 1.5kms away and has all local amenities.

'I had the opportunity to concentrate, create site specific work without distraction. Focus on individual goals this is a supportive residency in a unique and incredibly inspiring environment.' Rebecca Taber



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Inside the cottage

'The Residency at Hickster Projects provided me with a full time space for painting, which very much helped me to take the opportunity of being able to focus on a constructive line of production. The place is admirable and it was a real experience to become lost in the magic of its surroundings.

As a painter working with the theme of landscape, I found within the scenery a new subject matter which brought fresh ideas and new forms to my work, and which I now continue developing in my studio in London.'

Covadonga Valdés.

The residency will suit a self-motivated artist looking to work autonomously in a creative and unspoilt environment. There is only one resident present on site at any time. The curator of Hickster Projects (Sue Kennington) will be in residence in another studio at the site for much of the residency and can provide information and artistic input, if desired. We would very much appreciate a gift of a small piece of work you make whilst you are here if you think that is appropriate.

'..I found myself so inspired during this residency that the nature of my work completely changed along the way; from creating small ink paintings at the table, to producing large wall sized ink paintings....As a painter of light, I found the place and the grace of the land simply mesmerising. A huge difference from the hustle and bustle of the city.' Francesca Aikman



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