



## FARINDOLA INTERNATIONAL ARTS FESTIVAL

[www.farindola.art](http://www.farindola.art)

**8<sup>th</sup> FIAF 2026 – Visual Arts Residency**  
**Farindola, Italy 24<sup>th</sup> July – 8<sup>th</sup> August 2026**

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### 1. THE EVENT

The non-profit associations **Pro Loco Farindola APS** and **Farindola International Arts Festival**, in collaboration with the Municipality of Farindola and local cultural associations, invites artists to apply for the 2026 edition of the Farindola International Arts Festival (FIAF), a visual arts residency taking place in the village of Farindola between 24<sup>th</sup> July – 8<sup>th</sup> August 2026.

The initiative seeks to foster cultural dialogue and artistic exchange within the community, whose natural surroundings and tranquility provide an ideal context for contemporary visual practices.

FIAF promotes meaningful interaction between artists and territory, encouraging a creative process rooted in landscape, memory and community engagement.

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### 2. ABOUT FARINDOLA

Farindola is located within the Gran Sasso and Monti della Laga National Park in the Abruzzo region of central Italy.

The municipality rises from 300 meters above sea level to over 1900 meters at Mount San Vito. Due to its mountainous terrain, participants must be capable of walking up and down hills and navigating steep steps.

The village offers essential services and is located 45 km from Pescara and approximately 180 km from Rome, easily accessible while preserving its authentic mountain character.

For more information about the history, territory, and cultural activities of Farindola, please visit the official website of the Pro Loco: <https://www.prolocofarindola.it/>

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### 3. PATRONAGE AND INSTITUTIONAL FRAMEWORK

The initiative is held under the patronage of:

- The Municipality of Farindola
- The Gran Sasso and Monti della Laga National Park

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FIAF forms part of the broader cultural programme “**Montagna Creativa**” and is included within the **2026–2031 Action Plan of the European Charter for Sustainable Tourism** of the Gran Sasso and Monti della Laga National Park, contributing to the cultural and sustainable enhancement of the mountain territory.

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#### 4. ARTISTIC DIRECTION

The Artistic Direction of FIAF 2026 is entrusted to British artist **Paul Critchley**, long-standing collaborator of the festival and active contributor to its international development.

The Artistic Director contributes to the evaluation and selection process, supported by a Curatorial Committee appointed by Pro Loco Farindola APS and association Farindola International Arts Festival

The Artistic Direction guarantees the cultural vision and international profile of FIAF 2026.

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#### 5. FARINDOLA OFFERS THE ARTISTS

- Free self-catering accommodation and workspace in village houses for the duration of the event.
  - Free transportation from/to Pescara airport or railway station on official arrival and departure dates
  - Welcome dinner upon arrival
  - Discounted menus at local restaurants
  - A guided excursion exploring the natural and cultural heritage of the area
  - Opportunity to sell artworks produced during the residency
  - Direct contact with local traditions and craftsmanship
  - A pristine mountain environment rich in landscape, gastronomy and cultural heritage
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#### 6. THE ARTIST’S CONTRIBUTION

- Application is free, only the selected artists, and therefore participants, will pay a registration fee of €50.
- Travel expenses to and from Pescara are the responsibility of the artist
- Artistic materials at the artist’s expense
- Donation of at least one artwork to the organizers (selected by the Artistic Direction)
- Responsibility for shipping or disposal of unsold works
- Refundable deposit of €100 (which will be only retained if accommodation/workspace is not left clean and orderly)
- Written undertaking assuming responsibility for damages
- Agreement to allow visitors to access the workspace during scheduled open studio moments

Artists are expected to be present for the full duration of the residency and to participate in scheduled public activities.

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## 7. APPLICATION

Applications must be sent to: [info@prolocofarindola.it](mailto:info@prolocofarindola.it) by 15<sup>th</sup> May 2026.

Applications must include:

- Completed and signed application form
  - Curriculum Vitae
  - Website link or 5 images of representative works
  - Brief project proposal (maximum 1 A4 page)
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## 8. SELECTION

Only 6 artists will be selected.

Selection will be based on:

- Artistic quality and professional background
- Conceptual clarity of the proposed project

The decision of the Artistic Direction and Curatorial Committee is final.

Selected artists will be notified by email by 31<sup>th</sup> May 2026 and will receive all necessary information to complete the registration fee and deposit payment.

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## 9. PUBLIC PROGRAMME AND FINAL EXHIBITION

At the conclusion of the residency, FIAF 2026 will culminate in a collective final exhibition presenting the artworks created during the programme.

The exhibition will be officially inaugurated in the presence of the Municipal Administration, local institutions and members of the community within the framework of the cultural project Montagna Creativa.

The opening event will include:

- Public presentation of the participating artists
- Artist talk and open dialogue with the community
- Live musical performance
- Tasting of local sparkling wines and traditional products

During the residency period, artists will also be involved in two major community events with strong touristic appeal: **Camminarmangiando** and **Pecorino & Pecorini**,, annual festivals attracting visitors and food enthusiasts from across the region and beyond.

On these occasions, participating artists and the works developed during the residency will be presented to the public, fostering dialogue between contemporary art, landscape and local traditions.

This public programme transforms the residency into a shared, participatory cultural experience rooted in place, identity and memory.

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A digital catalogue (PDF format) documenting the residency and final exhibition may be produced and distributed online.

While every reasonable care will be taken in handling and exhibiting the artworks, the organization cannot be held responsible for loss, theft or damage occurring during the residency or exhibition period.

## 10. CERTIFICATE OF PARTECIPATION

At the conclusion of the residency, each participating artist will receive an official Certificate of Participation – FIAF 2026, issued by the organizing committee.

## 11. COMPANIONS

Companions are welcome:

- €35 per night
- €15 per night for children aged 5–12 (allowed only in the same room with an extra bed)
- Free for children under 5 years old

Extra days (subject to prior agreement): €35 per person per day.

Payment to be made upon arrival.

## 12. PERSONAL DATA

The personal data of participants in the FIAF will be processed by Pro Loco Farindola APS (Data Controller) in compliance with European legislation on the protection of personal data (EU Regulation 679/2016). In particular, such data will be used exclusively for the organizational purposes related to the event and will be deleted 36 months after its conclusion.

## 13. ACCEPTANCE OF THE REGULATIONS

Participation in the FIAF implies full and unconditional acceptance of these regulations.



Comune di Farindola

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**APPLICATION FORM**  
**FARINDOLA INTERNATIONAL ARTS FESTIVAL 2026**  
 Promoted by  
**Pro Loco Farindola APS**  
**Associazione Farindola International Arts Festival**

**PARTICIPANT DETAILS**

First name ..... Last name .....

Place and Date of Birth.....

Address (street, no., city, postal code, country).....

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Phone .....E-mail .....

Web Site .....

Nationality.....

Country of Residence.....

**Accompanying persons**

YES  NO (Check the appropriate option)

Name of any companion :..... Age : .....

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**ATTACHED DOCUMENTS**

- Curriculum vitae
- Link to the website or 5 representative images of artworks
- Brief project proposal (maximum 1 A4 page)

**AUTHOR'S DECLARATIONS**

I wish to stay in Farindola from ..... to .....

I accept that, although the organizers will ensure the utmost care and attention in handling the artworks during the days of public exhibition, they cannot be held responsible for any loss, damage, or deterioration of the artworks.

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I declare that I will not hold the organizers responsible in the event that the event is cancelled or modified due to force majeure.

I authorize Pro Loco Farindola APS to use the artworks, including their inclusion in the digital archive and on the website gallery, exclusively for cultural, promotional, and informational purposes related to the event, with the author’s name indicated and without profit.

I declare that I have read, understood, and fully accepted, without reservation, the FIAF 2026 regulations.

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**PERSONAL DATA PROCESSING**

Pursuant to **EU Regulation 679/2016 (GDPR)**, the undersigned authorizes Pro Loco Farindola APS to process the personal data provided exclusively for organizational purposes related to the event.

I authorize the processing of personal data.

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Place and date.....

Signature (legible).....

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