

”Artist in Residence Scholarship” CHINA

Hyllie Park Folk high school is a Folk High school in Malmö which since 1999 has had cooperation with *TCG Nordica* culture center in Kunming, China (www.tcgnordica.com).

During these years many art-, culture- and music projects have taken place between China and Scandinavia including exchanges between artists, culture workers, performers and institutes from east and west. These projects have created a great network in Kunming among universities, artists and culture workers.



TCG Nordica is located in Kunming, in Yunnan province in the south of Sweden. It has been located in the LOFT area where you find galleries, art studios and restaurants and TCG Nordica is a leading culture meeting place in the area. In the fall of 2018 TCG Nordica will move to a new place in the south of the city. A number of artists have exhibited there and appreciated the culture center. Scandinavian artists and musicians/dancers have visited and performed at the culture center as well as participated in a great number of art projects during the years.

Hyllie Park Folk high school wants to be a part of creating opportunities for people and cultures in our globalized world to meet. Through culture meetings we can strengthen dialogue, understanding and contact with people from other contexts than our own. Various artistic expressions of culture can develop and inspire interaction and dialogue in a new context through this scholarship at TCG Nordica Culture Center at TCG Nordica in China.

The Scholarship

What the scholarship includes:

Sweden

- 20 000 SEK is offered as economical support for a return journey to Kunming, China, to stay at TCG Nordica Culture Center during two to four weeks' time. The artists will get access to an art studio/stage for studying, creating, research, painting, dancing, playing music etc. (according to availability).
- One preparation meeting with Hyllie Park Folkhighschool's culture organizers with long experience in cooperation with TCG Nordica.
- After returning to Sweden the scholarship holder will give one performance (or other) at Hyllie Park Folk High school with an opportunity to meet a local audience as well as share ones experiences.

You will be admitted as an Artist In Resident according to their AIR-program. The culture center will contact you and plan your stay and all details. Hyllie Park Folk High school will support you when needed.

China

- Pick up at the airport in Kunming and welcome dinner at TCG Nordica.
- The scholarship holder is responsible for paying for accommodation and food during the residency. The scholarship holder will be offered accommodation in TCG Nordica's guest apartments, where various artists and guests of TCG Nordica also resides or at a nearby hotel.
- Help with registration at the police station (separate charge).
- Introduction to TCG Nordica, Kunming and Yunnan, local knowledge on ordering food, getting a bus or taxi, advice on how to stay healthy, where to find a western doctor etc.
- The scholarship holder will get access to TCG Nordica's vast network within the culture- and education in Kunming as well as support and help in the communication. Various music communities and universities are happy to have foreign visitors or guest lecturers.
- During your stay at our AIR guest our staff will help you 5 hours a week with that you need help



with, for example rent musical equipment or meet other artists.

- The stage manager will meet with you regularly, to help you plan your visit.
- You can rent a Chinese mobile SIM card from TCG Nordica, 200RMB per month.
- The scholarship holder will give one workshop to the “Culture course in China”, Hyllie Park Folkhighschool’s course, located at TCG Nordica, as well as get the opportunity to give one or more workshops with local artists.
- The scholarship holder will give one or more performances at TCG Nordica or in other ways contribute with one’s artistic expression at the Culture Center. It is important that you communicate your expectations and needs to the staff during your stay. The AIR Program is a time for personal development. Accordingly, we will not provide you with burdensome tasks or assignments. Your time is your own.
- A fee of 3500 yuan will be charged for AIR program fee.



What does the scholarship mean to the scholarship holder?

Before leaving for Kunming the scholarship holder will attend a meeting at Hyllie Park Folk High school for information and planning. After returning the scholarship holder will present something at Hyllie Park Folk High school, such as performance, film, exhibition, concert or other. There will also be possibilities to give workshops.

We are looking for artists who work independently and who are used to taking initiative and be open to artistic collaborations and cross-artistic experiences. You should also have experience in travelling and be open to a new culture and ***understand and respect the cultural context of the culture center***. There are restrictions in China that can limit foreign visitors' possibilities to perform but TCG Nordica is skilled in how to navigate this system in a lawful, safe way. It is important that you communicate clearly with TCG Nordica about your artistic work and its content and respect the opinions of the staff at the culture center.

Other information

There are opportunities for trips in the Yunnan province during your stay. You can also lengthen your visit and travel around by yourself. The staff at TCG Nordica can help you book tickets, hotels and give suggestions about where to go. Are you interested in studying Chinese the staff can also be of assistance in helping you find a tutor or take part in various cultural experiences such as tea ceremony, concerts, workshops etc (separate cost).

HPF China Course

Hyllie Park folk high school runs a course called China Course at TCG Nordica. Every year a group of Scandinavian young people go to Kunming to experience the local culture. They also share their own culture through concerts, exhibitions, artistic projects and do study trips throughout Yunnan province and China. You will meet the participants at TCG Nordica and they can be a part of your network in Kunming.



Practical information

APPLICATION:

You will send your application including all material on the set date. The application will be handled and you might be called to an interview. One or more scholarship holders will be chosen.

The application should contain:

- A description of you as artists including CV
- A description of your artistic work and work examples as video/picture/text etc.
- A description of your expectations for the time at TCG Nordica
- Contact information

You might receive a call from us for a short interview or be called to meet with us. If more than one person applies the scholarship sum will be shared between the applicants.

Send your application to:

Eva Johansson, Head of Culture department, Hyllie Park Folkhögskola, Malmö

Email: eva.johansson@hylliepark.se, 040-375956, 0706405956

The trip:

Booking your trip and applying for visa is your own responsibility. Hyllie Park Folk Highschool will assist you if needed.

WELCOME WITH YOUR APPLICATION!