

## INTRODUCTION + NEWSLETTER

Hvar Island, Croatia  
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### "ARTFARM MOLA BLACA"



Since 2013, when we bought 1300 m2 of land and small stone house, **Artfarm** has been our international project combining art, activism and organic agriculture on the Croatian island of Hvar.

It is situated in the Stari Grad Plain (in Greek: Hora, in Roman: Ager), a UNESCO protected agricultural area, close (2km) to the fisherman village and the beaches of Vrboska.

[WHERE TO FIND US ON THE MAP](#)

Our main art activity is the **"visiting artist"** programme, where invited artists come to Artfarm, stay there a minimum of 10 days and **interact** with the **physical** and **social** environment. Our organic **garden** and **orchard** produces vegetables and fruit during the whole season from May till October.

We enjoy a special position of importance on the island, as we are the place introducing and promoting the alternative culture and at the same time staying out of the tourist industry (we are NGO).

In 2017 we established the **"1010 Festival"**.

"1010" is for 10 visiting artists (or activists and academics) who interact on Artfarm for 10 days. We organized private public events from the 1<sup>st</sup> of May through the 6<sup>th</sup> of October: acoustic concerts, "megaphone" lectures, performances and debates, with an audience combining local and foreign visitors.



1010 festival poster (local stone)

## **2017 SEASON ARCHIVE:**

**OMFO** (German Popov), musician, Ukraine

- concerts

**Takako Hamano**, visual artist, Japan

- paintings

**Nina Targan-Mouravi**- visual artist, Georgia

- performance, painting

**Nova Yorke**- performer, Netherlands

- performance

**Maja Vodopivec**, academic, University of Leiden, Netherlands

- lecture/debate

**Ju Ji**, artist, Mongolia

- signs and installations

**Marta Petrinjak**, painter/musician, Croatia

- exposition "Hora", concert

**Kingalita**, singer/dancer, Hungary

- singing lessons, concerts

**Otoji & Rai Music Duo**, violin/double bass, Japan

- concerts

**Martina Matkovic**, percussionist, Croatia

- concerts

**"Goulash Disko"**, we were part of the music festival,

- concerts in Komiza, Vis

**"Dancing Street"**, concerts in Stari Grad, co-produced with "Gallery Fantazam" and "Music Room Paiz"

## OUR PLANS FOR THE FUTURE



street view

### **We plan to improve facilities on Artfarm:**

- upgrade solar energy system to be able to project art movies
- improve sleeping facilities for the visiting artists
- increase our budget for hosting visiting artists and produce "1010 Festival".

### **"Mr.Fixer" services:**

- develop further information/advice service to help our visitors **to stay out of tourist industry** and experience the island from the inside.

### **Start initiative to end the use of (Monsanto!) pesticides & herbicides in Stari Grad Field:**

- **"Cidokor"** (glyphosate, Round-up) is still used by many local people to kill grass and weeds. We plan **to end its use as much as possible**. One way is to offer to locals (mostly winemakers) to manually (4-6 times per year) cut the grass in their fields as substitute for using herbicides.

**Produce "1010 Festival" - here ideas for 2018 (some to be confirmed):**

**Art and activism:**

**Singing lessons/concerts** by Kingalita  
**Alex Fischer**, artist, Germany/Netherlands  
**Takako Hamano**, visual artist, Japan  
**Gerindo Kamid Kartadinata**, performer and environmental activist, Indonesia/Netherlands  
**Jacek Rajewski**, performer/poet, Poland/Netherlands

**"MEGA (phone) WOMAN"**, June-August  
a lecture/debate series.

Confirmed speakers:

**Judith Witteman**, visual artist and cultural activist, Netherlands  
**Ana Jelnikar**, University of Ljubljana, Slovenia  
**Julika Rudelius**, film-maker, Netherlands/Germany  
**Elica Grdinic**, lawyer, European Court of Human Rights, France  
**Maja Vodopivec**, University of Leiden, Netherlands

**Music:**

**"Otoman" Music Festival**, June - September

**Otoji and Ray**, music duo, Japan  
**OMFO**, multi instrumentalist, Ukraine/Netherlands  
**Levent Guzel**, percussionist, Turkey  
**Tlazolteoti Orchestra**, orchestra, Mexico

**Evgeny Suvorkin**, accordionist, Russia/Belgium  
**Stefanos Sekeroglou**, violinist, Greece  
**Baba Zula**, music group, Turkey  
**Gypsy band from Hungary** (in contact)

And more...

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As a non-profit foundation (NGO, charity), for presenting our programs, we depend on the donations of our supporters, members and sponsors.

## WHAT ARE YOUR BENEFITS AS OUR SPONSOR

(besides pleasure of supporting culture)?

### 10 Euro

- **artist lunch**: visit Artfarm, meet the artists, have a free pancake lunch (with goat cheese and/or vegetables), free drinks and get informed about events.

### 100 Euro or more

- **artist lunch**

- **season ticket**: you are **invited** to attend all the public private events on Artfarm (including festivals) and have free drinks. Attendance is free, but entrance is limited to **invited visitors** who reserved in advance.

- **free-download music** of our resident musicians

- get **Mr. Fixer** advice/info to be able to stay on Hvar Island outside of the tourist industry: all the **local tips** and translations, from booking accommodation to **hand made maps** for best private beaches & biking and hiking and **secrets** about local **pesticide-free** (organic/bio) wine and food.





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