

La Napoule Art Foundation
Clews Center for the Arts



Artists Residency Program Handbook

THE PURPOSE OF LNAF'S RESIDENCY PROGRAM

La Napoule Art Foundation offers time and space for creative minds to engage in cultural interchange and meaningful work that impacts the world for the greater good. In addition to using this time to explore new ideas and develop their work, artists are expected to take every opportunity, especially mealtimes, to build community and friendship as well as to exchange ideas and experiences.

ABOUT US

The Château de La Napoule is a museum and arts center administered by La Napoule Art Foundation. We are not a hotel, and only welcome guests on certain occasions such as residencies, workshops, and nonprofit partnerships. We have a small and dedicated museum staff who will assist you as time is available. We like to think of it like staying as a guest in a friend's home.

The Château: The Château de La Napoule was restored in the 1920s by an artistic American couple, Henry and Marie Clews, whose dedication to the arts is evident in the architecture of the Château and the surrounding gardens. Henry was an accomplished sculptor. His studio, which houses a large collection of his sculpture and paintings, remains a prominent feature of the property.

Hours: During your stay, the Château will be open daily from 10:00 am – 6:00 pm. There are group tours at 11:30 am, 2:30 pm, 3:30 pm, and 4:30 pm. You may also see guests exploring the gardens.

The Villa Marguerite: The Villa Marguerite, where you will reside during your stay, is an Italianate Belle Époque mansion built at the end of the 19th century. Henry and Marie Clews purchased the Villa from the Danish Princess Daisy of Pless, who was suffering from financial ruin at the end of World War I. The Clews became close friends with her, and allowed her to stay in her home. Over the past five years, the Villa has been completely renovated.

La Napoule Art Foundation: In 1951 Marie Clews founded La Napoule Art Foundation (LNAF) to preserve her husband's work and their beloved Château as well as to promote the arts as a means of advancing international understanding. LNAF is a 501(c)(3) institution incorporated in the State of New York.

WHAT TO EXPECT

Housing: Residents are housed in single rooms in the Villa Marguerite, located just across the street from the Château. Rooms are equipped with private baths and have sea and garden views.

Housekeeping: Lise is the Château housekeeper. She will change the bed linens and towels on a weekly basis. Should you need an additional towel or help of any kind, please ask.

Laundry: There is a coin operated washer and dryer in the basement of the Villa. (The washer requires two coins: 2€ and 1€. The dryer requires one 2€ coin). You will need to supply your own detergent. A laundry service and dry-cleaner is available at the Géant shopping center in Mandelieu, about a 15-minute walk from the Chateau.

Tip: Guests often ask for guidance with respect to tipping staff. Many of us leave between 1-2€ per day of visit. This would be divided between the 2 housekeepers. Whatever you might choose to leave will be very appreciated by them.

Internet & Computers: The Villa Daisy room is equipped with computers with an internet connection for your use. Please notify the staff if there are any problems. You may also connect your own computer to the Villa and Château WiFi (no password required). If you need a computer for daily use, we ask that you bring your own. To plug it in, you will need an adaptor. Computers are typically equipped to convert current automatically, but check before plugging it in.

Meals: Residents receive breakfast and dinner Monday – Friday. These meals, often served in the Château’s Gothic Dining Room, offer the opportunity for exchange and community. For lunches and weekend meals, the residents may use the Villa kitchen. It is also an easy walk to numerous restaurants and cafés in the Village.

Studios: Each resident will be assigned studio space based on their needs. Studios are found throughout the property, offering artists inspiring historic surroundings in which to work. Because studios have been created within the facility’s historic buildings, they vary tremendously. Please be sure to share your exact needs with the staff in advance so that we may best accommodate you. Residents are required to return studios to their original condition upon leaving.

WHAT TO BRING

We suggest you travel with luggage that you are able to manage alone, as there are no elevators.

Clothing: La Napoule is blessed with phenomenal weather, however it can be chilly in the spring and fall months. You may wish to bring several layers to prepare for this. An umbrella can come in handy for the occasional shower. Please consult the internet for the specific time of year you will be traveling for more detailed information.

Electricity: If you plan to bring electrical devices, you will need an adaptor for the plug and a converter for the difference in French voltage.

Supplies: Each resident artist is responsible for ALL of their own supplies, including paint, ink, paper, CDs/DVDs, and brushes. Residents who need a computer for their work must should bring a laptop with them. Many residents elect to bring smaller, transportable items with them to avoid the cost of repurchasing these tools in France. However, there are also numerous art stores in the area and you may ship materials in advance as well (see *Art Supplies and Resources* for more information).

GETTING HERE

LNAF staff will pick you up from the airport or train station when you arrive. Please send your travel information to Jessica Sleevi (jessica@clews.org) who will coordinate these details with the French staff.

By Plane: The closest airport is the Nice-Côte d’Azur Airport.

By Train: The La Napoule train station is directly in front of the Château (regional trains only). National and international trains will arrive at the Cannes station.

By Car: Take highway A8 to exit 40 “Mandelieu-centre” the follow signs for “La Napoule, les plages.” There is parking available for residents who live within driving distance.

ADDITIONAL GUIDELINES

Last People Up: Please see that the lights are turned off and all doors are closed. Please respect the other residents and keep noise to a minimum after 10:00 PM.

Smoking: Because of the age and the historic nature of our facilities, **smoking is not permitted** inside any building. If you choose to smoke outdoors, we thank you for disposing of cigarette butts properly.

Security: Please be sure that all gates and doors are shut securely behind you. This includes the coded office gate, the Villa gate, and the side door of the Villa. Please do not leave valuables unattended in public areas, LNAF is not responsible for stolen items. Please be aware that the museum rooms of the Château will be alarmed from 6:00 PM (5:00 PM in Winter) to 8:00 AM unless otherwise specified by the General Manager.

Guests: There is a fee for any overnight guests, based on availability. These guests must be approved by the French staff in advance of their stay.

Drug-Free Policy: LNAF is a drug-free environment.

Please note, the Château is, above all, a museum housing the collection of Henry Clews. We ask that none of the pieces be touched or moved in any way. Occasionally several public rooms of the Château are rented for private receptions as a means of generating revenue to support our mission. During such an event, we kindly ask that you avoid passing through rented spaces.

ART SUPPLIES AND RESOURCES

Residents are responsible for providing all of their own materials. For those supplies that you are unable to travel with or ship, there are many stores in the area. If you need help finding an unusual product, please notify the staff in advance. Although LNAF will work to help accommodate all of our artists needs, we cannot guarantee that we will be able to find every material.

Mandelieu-La Napoule:

Cultura

Avenue du Maréchal Lyautey, 06210 Mandelieu-la-Napoule

+33 4 92 19 57 90, cultura.com

large store with a variety of goods including a decent choice of art supplies

Cannes:

Maison Franco

11 Rue des Belges, 06400 Cannes

+33 4 93 39 36 57, <http://www.maisonfranco.fr/>

specialty art supply store

Nice:

Bruno Charvin Art
39 rue Gioffredo, Nice
+33 493 92 92 82
painting supply store

La Boite à Photos
2 Descente du Marché, Nice
+33 493 80 06 18
photography store & accessories

L'Arrêt Creation
7 rue de Russie, Nice
+33 493 88 73 23, <http://www.larret-creation.com/>
arts & crafts (supplies for painting, jewelry design, collages)

SHIPPING

Residents may wish to ship supplies or materials to the Château in advance of their stay. Materials can be shipped to:

Château de La Napoule
Avenue Henry Clews
06210 MANDELIEU LA NAPOULE FRANCE

To ship completed works and leftover materials home following their residency, artists may arrange a pickup with DHL or FedEx from the Château. Please be sure you have an account with either of these companies to arrange the shipment.

ABOUT THE TOWN OF LA NAPOULE

La Napoule is the coastal portion of the town of Mandelieu-La Napoule whose center is some kilometers inland. The shops and businesses listed below are all located within walking distance from the Château. Please ask the office for directions.

ATM & Bank: There is an ATM located at the bank Credit Agricole that accepts most types of debit cards. Accessible 24/7. The bank is open Tuesday through Friday from 8:30 am – 12 pm & 2 pm – 5 pm and Saturday 8:30 am – 12 pm.

Groceries & Shopping:

Petit Casino: A small but well-stocked grocery just a short walk from the Chateau. Hours: M,T,W,F,Sat 8 am – 1 pm & 5:30 pm – 7:30 pm. Th & Sun 8 am – 1 pm.

Géant: A large grocery/Wal-Mart type of store which also carries wine that is about a 15 minute walk. Open Monday – Saturday 8:30 am to 9 pm.

Pharmacy: Open Monday through Friday 9 am – 12:15 pm and 2:30 – 7:00 pm. Saturday 9 am – 12:15 pm (Saturday hours only in July and August)

Doctors: There are two Doctors nearby.

Dr Dreux: Residence Aurore 2, 51 rue de la Poste, T: 04 93 49 95 54

Dr Dudragne: Residence Aurore 2, 51 rue de la Poste, T: 04 93 49 20 80

Dentist: Lucien Ripoll: 194 avenue du 23 août T: 04 93 49 82 90

Post office: Open Monday through Friday from 9am -12pm and 2pm - 5pm.

Bakery: Open every day except Mondays from 6am - 8pm. T: 04 93 49 68 32

Hairdresser: Itsi Ban T: 04 93 49 94 07

Tourism information point : Annex of the Town hall, open 8 :30 am - 5pm.

NEARBY MUSEUMS

There are many museums and cultural centers in the area. The following represents only a small selection of the possibilities. For the most up-to-date information, please call ahead or check online.

Cannes:

Musée de la Castre: home to a wide variety of antiquities, particularly from the Mediterranean and the Middle East.

Place de la Castre, le Suquet 06400 Cannes T : 04 93 38 55 26

Closed Mondays, 6 euros

Cagnes sur Mer:

Musée Renoir: The last home of Auguste Renoir, preserved with original furniture and décor, also features studios, paintings, and most of his sculptures.

Chemin des Colettes 06 Cagnes sur Mer

Closed Tuesdays, 4 euros

<http://www.cagnes-tourisme.com/>

Antibes:

Musée Picasso: Collection of works spanning Picasso's career.

Château Grimaldi, place Mariejol 06600 Antibes, T: 04 92 90 54 28

Closed Mondays. 6 euros.

<http://www.antibes-juanlespins.com/les-musees/picasso>

Nice:

Musée d'art moderne et contemporain (MAMAC): Collection of modern and contemporary art dating from the 1950s to today.

Promenade des arts, 06364 Niece cedex, T: 04 97 13 42 01

Closed Mondays. Cost: free.

<http://www.mamac-nice.org>

Musée Chagall: Features works by Chagall inspired by his religion.

Avenue Docteur Ménard 06000 Nice.

Closed Tuesdays. Cost 7,5 euros.

<http://www.musees-nationaux-alpesmaritimes.fr/chagall/>

Musée Matisse: One of the largest collections of this artists works, tracing his artistic beginnings and the evolution of his work.

164, avenue des Arènes de Cimiez 06000 Nice Cedex. T: 04 93 81 08 08
Closed Tuesdays. 5 euros.
<http://www.musee-matisse-nice.org>.

Musée des beaux arts de nice: 6000 works of art dating from the 17th century to the 1940s.
33 avenues des Beaumettes 06100 Nice.
Closed Mondays; Cost: Free.
<http://musee-beaux-arts-nice.org>

Saint-Paul de Vence:

Foundation Maeght: Contains one of the largest 20th-century art collections in Europe.
623, chemin des Gardettes, 06570 Saint-Paul-de-Vence; T: 04 93 32 81 63
Open Daily. Cost: 15 euros.
<http://www.fondation-maeght.com/>

TRANSPORTATION

Train: The train station is located across the street from the Château's main entrance. The train offers a convenient and inexpensive way to visit nearby towns along the coast. The station is open Monday – Saturday, 9:50 am – 11:40 am & 12:50 pm – 5:20 pm. An automatic kiosk is available on the quay. Use the Les Arcs-Cannes-Nice line to visit the main towns of the coast between Sant-Raphaël and Monaco.
See: www.ter-sncf.com/regions/paca/fr

Bus: Find bus maps and schedules at <http://www.busazur.com>
To Cannes: Line 20. The two nearest stops are Balcon d'Azur and Le Port. The bus will drive you to Cannes bus station or train station.
To Mandelieu: Line 16 (same stops as above)

Ferries: The La Napoule ferry to the Iles de Lerins operates from May to September at Services des Iles de Lerins Port La Napoule 06210 Mandelieu-La Napoule T: 04 93 49 15 88, or croisieres@compagnie-maritime-napoulise.com

Taxis: Pascal Taxi: 06 07 14 12 77. Pascal is a charming Frenchman who speaks excellent English and will provide an enjoyable trip to the airport.
Other taxis in Mandelieu: David (06 09 52 54 25) & Ludo (06 09 84 37 37)

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