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We look forward to welcoming you soon to Chateau d'Orquevaux Artists & Writers Residency, where our mission is to support and nurture artists on their journey of artistic expression and growth.

Nestled in the beautiful Champagne-Ardenne region of France, Chateau d'Orquevaux offers a refreshing escape from the hustle and bustle of the "real" world. This magnificent estate provides artists with a serene space, free from distractions and rich in natural inspiration.

We provide all your meals allowing you the space and time to fully immerse yourself in the environment and embrace the French country lifestyle.

The residency is designed to be self-motivated where you can concentrate and dedicate yourself to your creative process while surrounded by like-minded individuals in a supportive and nurturing atmosphere. Château d'Orquevaux traces its history to the Denis Diderot family which always had art in mind, and we are proud to continue that tradition with your presence as part of this legacy.

In Diderot's words:

**"First of all, move me, surprise me, rend my heart; make me tremble, weep, shudder, outrage me! Delight my eyes, afterwards, if you can... Whatever the art form, it is better to be extravagant than cold."**

We look forward to you experiencing Chateau d'Orquevaux.



*Ziggy & Beulah*

*Ziggy Attias & Beulah van Rensburg  
Co-Founders & Co-Directors*



# TRAVEL



## **Train Information**

At Gare de l'Est station, please meet by Paul's café near platforms 7-12, where your train usually departs. The track number will be announced 10 minutes before departure, so please board the train at that time. Common destinations include Mulhouse, Bologne, and Belfort-Ville, with Chaumont as one of the stops.

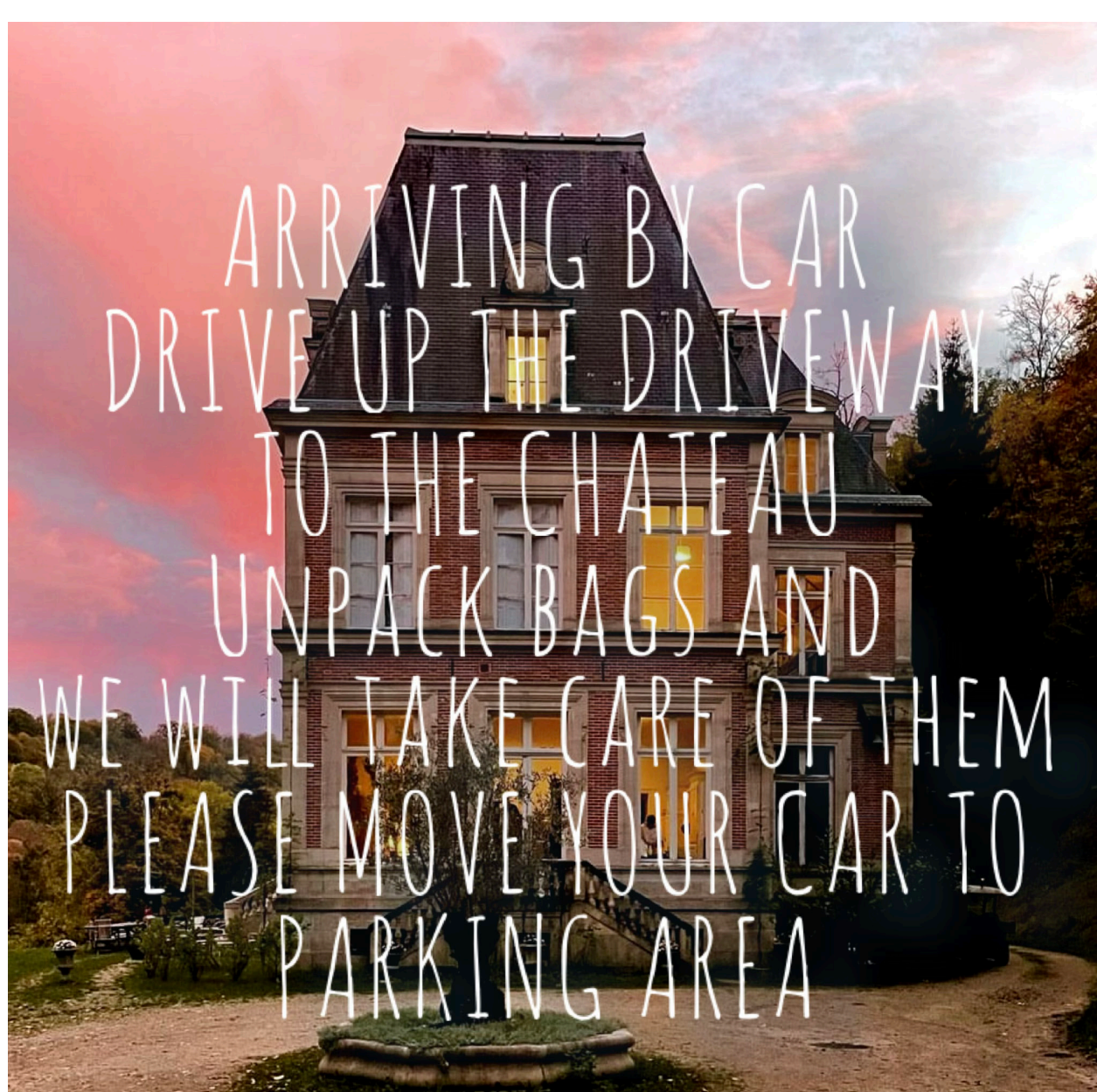
Upon arrival at Chaumont station, our drivers will be waiting for you at the main entrance—look for the white van! Please remember to attach the numbers given to you to your bags so our crew can assist you upon arrival at the chateau, allowing you to relax while we welcome you.

The pickup schedule is sent via email and dependant on the timetable for your residency, so double-check that your pickup time is correct. We monitor train schedules and will wait for you, so there's no need to worry. If you miss your train, please let us know.



## **Car Information**

If you're traveling by car, arrivals are from 2pm. Drive through the main gates and up the hill to the chateau, stopping at the main turning circle by the olive tree. Please unload your luggage there, and then park your car in the designated car park. Our crew will assist you from that point!





# ARRIVAL



Once you arrive, we'll take care of your luggage while welcoming you with coffee or tea. Your residency program includes details of your bedrooms and studios. We'll settle you in to your bedroom & guesthouse.

At **6:00 PM** in the Dining Salon we have a *Champagne welcome* for everyone to relax and get to know each other, moving to the Salon around 6:30 PM, followed by a *welcome dinner* at **7:15 PM** in the dining room. Dinner will be served family-style, with Chef Marie announcing it daily normally at **7 PM**.

You'll hear the dinner bell, then head to the Dining Salon for the meal. Wine will be provided on our first night. We ask that you clean up after dinner by scraping your plates, rinsing, and placing dishes in the dishwasher. 8:15/8:30PM.

**We have one request: no phones at dinner.**

**There will be a table in the kitchen where you can leave them during the meal if needed. Thank you for helping us connect during this time and share our experiences from the studio!**

Breakfast is served daily from **8:30 to 10 AM**. On the first day, we'll start with an introduction, followed by a chateau tour and studio setup at 9:45 AM.

Lunch is ready at **12:30 PM** daily.

Remember the cleaning schedule for the chateau and guest houses, including our weekly sheet changes at 9:30 AM—please make your room available. Your towels, replaced Mondays & Fridays, please keep in your room on the hook on your door for hygiene, beach towels can be found in the wooden draw seat on the ground floor, please do not use the white bath towels.



# SHOPPING TRIP



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Join our art supplies and grocery trip on Friday at 1:15 PM! Leaving on time from the Kitchen Entrance.

Sign up using the link sent via email. You'll also have the opportunity to visit the newly opened *L'Art Store d'Orquevaux* in the village for some basic supplies during studio setup.



**Art Store hours, EVERYDAY 11:30am - 12pm**

**Please bring Credit Card**

**SIGN UP VIA EMAIL SIGN UP FOR SHOPPING TRIP**

We have pre gessoed canvas and linen available in the art store, please see prices below, you can purchase on the set up day in L'Art Store d'Orquevaux. Soon to be online



**LINEN COTTON SYNTHETIC FINE CANVAS**

1M height - €15 per Meter

1.5M height - €22 per Meter

**LINEN FINE**

1.6M height - €25 per Meter

1.7M Height - clear pre gessoed - €50 per Meter

**COTTON FINE**

1.6M height - €25 per Meter



**Chateau d'Orquevaux Artist Residency welcomes you to its creative community! Here's a brief outline of your residency, noting that events may change.**



Please note that while most events are optional, there are a few that are mandatory: the Introduction to the residency, with our Co Director Beulah, followed by Château Tour & Setup session scheduled for the morning after your arrival with Residency Assistant Alice & Antoine. This will help you familiarize yourself with the residency and your surroundings, settling you into your creative space. Your individual schedule link is sent via email.

There's a variety of events tailored to different artistic disciplines. Participants can engage in sessions such as *Who I am as an Artist*, *Life Drawing*, and *Open Studio*, alongside workshops like *Business of Art*, *Sketch walk through the village* and more.

Additionally, you can join our *Writer's Circle* and *Artist Statement* workshop led by Writing Director Suzi Q. Smith.

The closing *Open Studio* for Writers, Musicians, and Artists will celebrate your creative time together. This event, held over two half-days at the end of the residency, will be a highlight of the experience. It's an opportunity for artists, writers, and musicians to showcase their work, discuss their artistic processes, and share their creative journeys with one another. To conclude the event, we will celebrate in true French style with a celebration afterwards of cheese, wine, followed by dinner. On the last day of our residency, we will be helping you shipping your work and you will be packing up. Followed by our final event in the evening we have a closing Champagne toast in Galerie Diderot to bid farewell surrounded by the work donated to the collection!



# PHOTO APP WIFI INSTAGRAM CONTACT



## Instagram

If you'd like to draw attention to your work, please tag us in your residency posts on both our Instagram accounts! We love sharing your creations and your residency journey from your perspective.

**@chateau\_orquevaux**

**@studio\_chateau\_orquevaux**

(you can always hide the tag)

## Photo Circle

Please join our photo circle to share all photos from the residency with each other and keep them forever keeping our instagram chat free for information.

**PHOTO CIRCLE LINK - Will be sent via email**

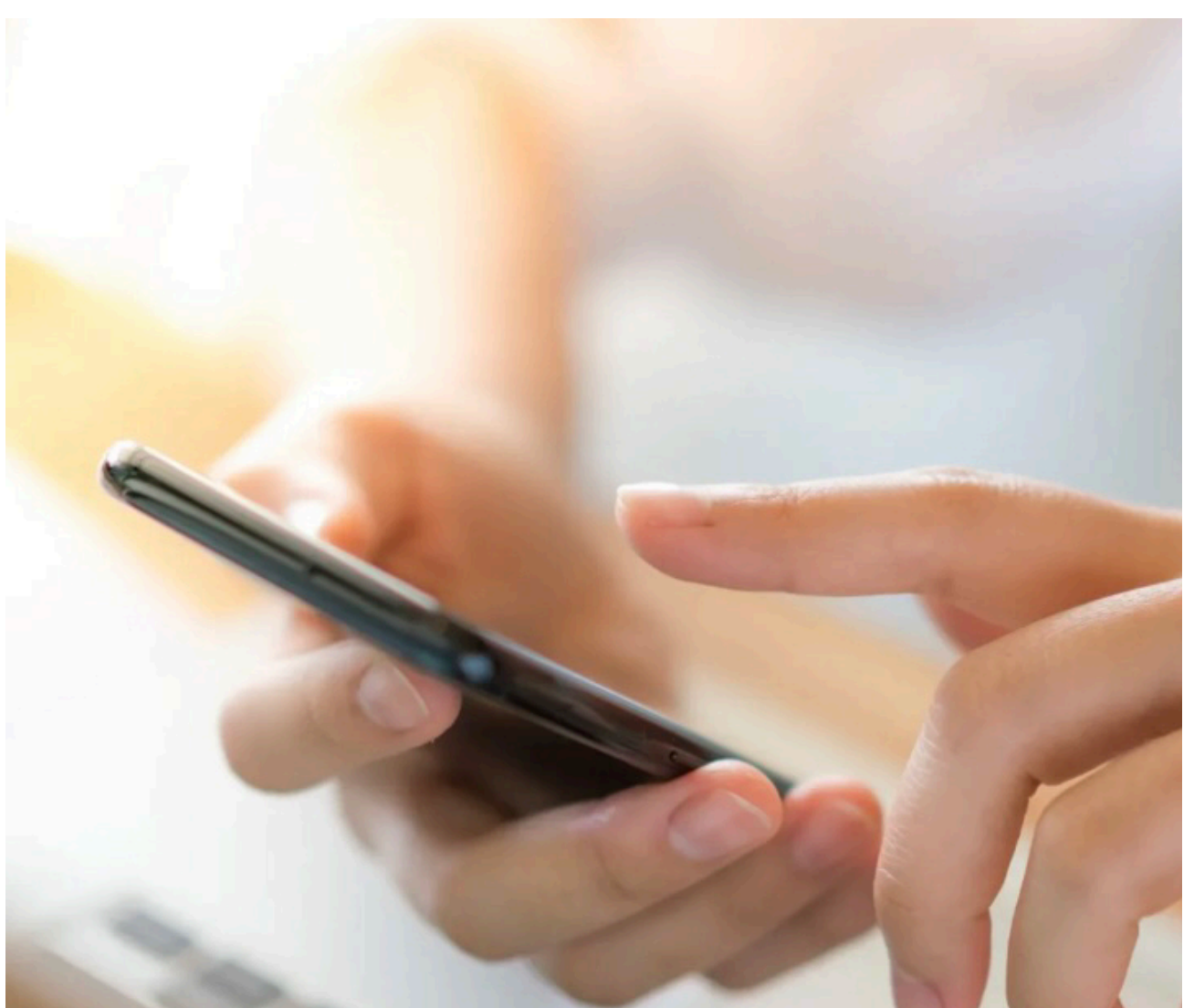
## Wi-Fi Information

The Wi-Fi in the château is available under the network name "CHATEAUORQUEVAUX" and does not require a password. The guesthouses and Stables studio have no password for easy access. To keep everyone informed, we will make daily announcements via Instagram each evening, which will also be displayed on the daily notice board to help you stay updated on any rescheduled events.

## Contact Information

For any last-minute inquiries, please contact us at @studio\_chateau\_orquevaux

Phone and WhatsApp at +33 7 72 08 33 50.





# MEET THE TEAM



## MEET OUR TEAM

**Residency Team:**

**Residency Co-Founders & Directors:**

**Ziggy & Beulah**

**Artist Communications Director: Falon**

**Administrative Assistant: Matisse**

**Residency Assistant: Alice & Antoine**

**Writers Director: Suzi Q**

**Regisseur: Remy,**

**Kitchen: Chef Marie, Second Chef Quentin, Axel**

**Staff Management: Constance,**

**House Keeping: Lydia, Morgane, Amelie**

**Grounds Team: Roma & Coco**

**Driver, House Team: Laurens**



