



RESIDENCIES

CITY SONIC VILNIUS

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City Sonic Vilnius connects Lithuania to the wider City Sonic international sound art network. Bringing Lithuanian and international artists together through residencies, performances and interdisciplinary collaborations, Vilnius serves as a meeting point for artistic exchange. Working with partners such as Užiateka and Transcultures, these connections foster new creations and carry the spirit of City Sonic across borders.

2022 - 2026

Lithuania / Belgium

Sea K

1-4 August 2022

Residency · Kintai Arts Residency, Lithuania



At Kintai Arts Residency, Kotryna Žilinskaitė (Lithuania), Kristina Švenčionytė (Lithuania) and Philippe Franck (Belgium, Paradise Now) developed Sea K, an interdisciplinary project bringing together performance, poetic expression and sound experimentation. This period of collective research laid the groundwork for the project's public presentation during the City Sonic programme in Užupis on 6 August.

Voice and performance: Kristina Švenčionytė, Kotryna Žilinskaitė · Live sound performance: Paradise Now

Tree Stories

7-10 August 2022

Residency · Verpėjų Art Residence, Lithuania



The Tree Stories residency at Verpėjų Art Residence brought together Kotryna Žilinskaitė (Lithuania), Hasan Alp Çelikel (Lithuania) and Philippe Franck (Belgium, Paradise Now) for an artistic exploration of trees, landscape, movement, poetry and sound. Through interdisciplinary exchange and improvisation, the artists developed material that would continue beyond the residency and inform a later public performance in Vilnius.

Performance and dance: Kotryna Žilinskaitė, Hasan Alp Çelikel · Sound creation: Paradise Now · Poetry: Kotryna Žilinskaitė, Philippe Franck

Sound Art Creation & Curatorial Residency

6-16 March 2023

Residency · Kompresorinė - Ideas Block, Vilnius, Lithuania



As part of a cross-residency programme by Pépinières Européennes, Transcultures, Oasis Art, Užiateka and Ideas Block, artists and curators Philippe Franck (Belgium), Tommy Lawson and Christian Vialard (France) explored Vilnius through field recording and sound experimentation. They also led a sound art workshop and curated 'Reimagining the City', an exhibition with young Lithuanian artists, accompanied by performances during City Sonic Vilnius - Spring Sound Camp #1.

Artists and curators: Philippe Franck, Tommy Lawson, Christian Vialard · Local partners: Užiateka, Ideas Block, Oasis Art · Programme: Sound art residency, workshop, exhibition and performances

Tortura

13-19 March 2023

Residency · Ideas Block - Kompresorinė, Vilnius, Lithuania



As part of City Sonic Vilnius 2023, Kotryna Žilinskaitė (Lithuania) and Paradise Now (Belgium) created 'Tortura', a sound-poetic performance confronting the thin, brutal boundary between victim and perpetrator, where violence turns inward and pain becomes an inexpressible cry. Through dance, voice, poetry and sound, the work gives form to the unspeakable. It premiered on 19 March, closing the City Sonic Spring Sound Camp.

Texts and performance: Kotryna Žilinskaitė, Philippe Franck · Movement: Kotryna Žilinskaitė · Concept and sound creation: Paradise Now

City Sonic Residency in Belgium

26 May - 5 June 2023

Residency · Transcultures, La Louvière, Belgium



Kotryna Žilinskaitė (Lithuania) and Hasan Alp Çelikel (Lithuania) developed their interdisciplinary performance 'Tree Stories', combining dance, voice, poetry and sound to explore the rhythms and life-giving power of trees. An excerpt was presented on 3 June 2023 at 'Songs from a Vacant Apartment' at L'Imprimerie, Liège, alongside a vibrational sound performance by Isa*Belle and Paradise Now, blending Tibetan singing bowls, handpan, gong, voice, guitar and electronics.

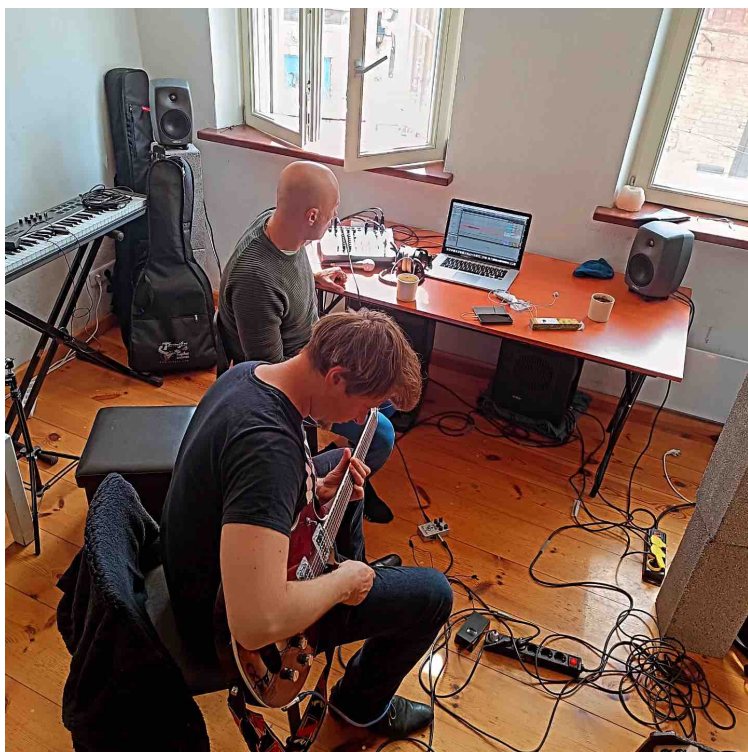
Artists: Kotryna Žilinskaitė, Hasan Alp Çelikel · Performance: Dance, voice and poetry · Sound collaboration: Isa*Belle and Paradise Now

Užiateka Art Room

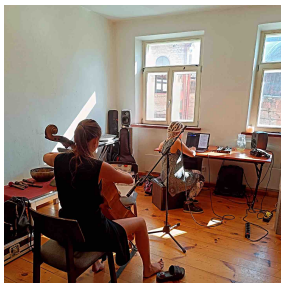
2024 onwards

Artist Residencies at Užupis Art Incubator
Vilnius, Lithuania

Connected to the City Sonic Vilnius network, Užiateka Art Room invites artists to develop individual projects through interdisciplinary exploration, focusing on sound, movement and somatic practices. The residencies create space for artistic research, experimentation and exchange between sound art and other creative disciplines.



Artists & artistic directions



Aleksijus Sapiego (Lithuania): Music, sound, performance and visual expression, with a focus on healing and immersive sound experiences.

Krzysztof Skoczyk (Lithuania): Music therapy, sound exploration, rhythm, improvisation and collaborative music-making.

Milda Venckutė (Lithuania): Composition, music production and sound exploration.

Kotryna Kvedarytė (Lithuania): Sound, vibration, overtones and listening experiences.

Rimgailė Miselytė (Lithuania): Storytelling, mythology, semiotics, somatic movement and performance art.

Augustė Juravičienė (Lithuania): Cello and voice.

Mali Achi (Ukraine): Painting and visual expression.

Aušrinė Juodeškaitė (Lithuania): Voice work and vocal exploration.

Residency enquiries

Artists interested in developing projects related to sound, movement or interdisciplinary practices within the City Sonic Vilnius network are welcome to contact Užiateka to discuss proposals, potential collaborations and residency opportunities. Please include a short project description, artistic background and preferred timeframe.

Contact: info.uziateka@gmail.com

SFEROS

3 February - 30 June 2025

Residency · Transcultures / Le Chant des Chevaux, Belgium



Kotryna Žilinskaitė's (Lithuania) research explores the tension between primal instinct and structured movement through somatic practices and the five elements: Earth, Water, Fire, Air and Ether. The residency developed into 'SFEROS', an interdisciplinary performance combining dance, voice, sound and video, exploring the transformation of raw bodily impulses into a choreographic language.

Artistic Research Residency



Artist and researcher: Kotryna Žilinskaitė · Artistic outcome: SFEROS, an interdisciplinary performance · Research focus: Somatics, movement, sound and video

SFEROS: Post-Production Residency

28 September - 10 October 2026

Residency · Transcultures, Couvent d'Hautrage, Belgium



Kotryna Žilinskaitė (Lithuania) and Arnaud Schockmel (Belgium) continue developing SFEROS, an interdisciplinary work exploring the body as a living, ever-changing space through movement, voice, breath, sound and perception. Rooted in theatre, dance, Tai Chi and somatic practices, the work unfolds through five elements: Earth, Water, Fire, Air and Ether. The residency focuses on refining the performance and bringing its different artistic layers into dialogue.

Artists: Kotryna Žilinskaitė, Arnaud Schockmel · Artistic research and performance: Movement, voice and somatic practices · Sound and audiovisual collaboration: Arnaud Schockmel

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City Sonic Vilnius is developed in collaboration with its core partners: Užiateka, Transcultures (Be) - City Sonic Belgium and City Sonic Seoul, Pépinières européennes de Création (Fr), VšĮ Menų Oazė and the Ministry of Culture and Innovation of the Republic of Užupis.

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Additional Partners & Collaborators: We are happy to connect with a wider circle of festivals, artistic platforms and cultural spaces, including Videoformes, Zone Libre Festival, Planned Accidents, Sounding Bridges, ArtComTech, Kintai Arts Residency, Verpėjų Residency, Užupis Art Incubator, Kompresorinė and Ideas Block.