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As you know, the whole concept of the residency program is that Alevtina lends her own studio for the period of the artist's stay, working in this period of time from our house which is next door.

We made wood cubes and a bed with space inside to hide all her stuff, so you will not be surrounded by her personal items. But one shelf was left with things like pencils, knives, rollers, watercolors and other kinds of paint, also some charcoal, brushes — you may use any of it.

We don't require something particular to be done within the context of the place where you are staying. You are invited just for your presence here — just to be yourself, just to be in Muzychi — to respond to the general idea of The Muzychi Expanded History project.

But we assist you in communication with the local context during your residency stay. If you have an idea to realize, some project or research initiative for your residency stay, we will provide you with help to develop it.

### More about the conditions

We prepared only one sleeping place in the studio, so you can have guests only for a short period of time — 1-2 days; if they stay longer we will feel bad that your guest has no proper conditions.



We have a bike (donated by previous resident Stefka Ammon). If you are going to use the bike, please take care of it. There is a lock and a light for the bike.

We have our own sauna, you are invited join us, mostly on weekends.

Please do not smoke in the studio.

## **Muzychi**

There is no cash machine in Muzychi and no currency exchange booth here. But in Kiev, you can find them on almost every corner.

There are two food stores in the village where you may find basically everything, but the variety is not so great. We will inform you when we are going to the supermarket in the city for our needs; you can join us, or ask us to buy something. Once a week there is a farmer's market in the village.

The buses Muzychi-Kiev-Muzychi go every 25 min. The ticket costs 6 grn (0,50 Euro) each way. They run until 23.00.

## **Dogs & cats**

We have 4 dogs. We very seriously ask you not to try to communicate with them without us. We will tell you about their breed (there are many names of the breed: Central Asian sheep-dog, Sredneasiatskaya Ovcharka, Central Asian Ovcharka, Central Asian Shepherd dog, Turkmen Alabai, Alabay, the Wolfhound, Volkodav). We might even give you a small workshop on how to behave with them and become their friend, if you wish. If you have a fear of dogs, you have an additional exit which allows you to never meet them.

But you will hear them. In Ukrainian villages people have dogs outside...if one dog starts to bark, the rest will also start barking. Also they guard the yard; we have forks who can come from the woods close to us, so our dogs bark because they hear them.

We also have two female cats, we are sure they will be interested in you. Just feel free to refuse their visit or allow them to come. One cat is Siamese, but please do not touch this one, she can scratch you. The other cat looks like a tiger, she is very friendly, never scratches, but can be annoying. So, we love animals, and you can bring your pets to our residency.

