The Jewish Museum Frankfurt and DAGESH: Jüdische Kunst im Kontext are calling for applications for several artist residencies in connection with the exhibition Revenge: History and Fantasy.

Revenge is a shifting, ambiguous term in Jewish cultural history. It plays a role in anti-Semitic projections and is the subject of many Jewish narratives. This ambivalence could be one of the reasons the topic has not yet been addressed in museums. The exhibition Revenge: History and Fantasy at the Jewish Museum Frankfurt aims to change this. Focusing on cultural history, it will build a bridge from Jewish fantasies of revenge to historical acts of revenge by Jews. Its point of departure is biblical stories and pop culture narratives in which powerful figures stand up for the powerless and exact retribution on their tormentors. Revenge: History and Fantasy gives consideration to the feelings associated with these stories and reinforces the idea of Jewish self-empowerment.

The Jewish Museum Frankfurt and DAGESH are inviting artists to engage with these themes in ten- to fourteen-day residencies that will take place for the duration of the exhibition. The residencies are scheduled to start at the beginning of each month (Monday, April 4, through Sunday, April 17, 2022; Monday, May 2, through Sunday, May 15, 2022; Monday, June 6, through Sunday, June 19, 2022; and Monday, July 4, through Sunday, July 17, 2022). However, these dates should be taken as a general framework – please indicate those that suit you best in your application.

The residencies include a one-time reimbursement of travel expenses, accommodations in Frankfurt am Main, and a working stipend of €2,000. During your stay in the city, you will be expected to work in a special room in the exhibition, present your project publicly, and document it for the exhibition website or make it available for presentation there.

Applications are welcome from literary, musical, visual, and performing artists who have a clear position on contemporary Jewish perspectives and experiences. Please apply via email by submitting a concise description of your project idea, your portfolio, and your resume to info@dagesh.de, re: “Call for Artists in Residence 2022.” The application deadline is February 1st, 2021.

Information on the exhibition: https://www.juedischesmuseum.de/besuch/detail/rache-geschichte-und-fantasie/

Information on DAGESH: https://dagesh.de/