



Dear friends,

The whole program of the Residency has been planned, prepared and already organized as a live event. Suddenly, all of us, organizers, participants, mentors and lecturers had less than ten days to change and to re-adapt for one more online work in this “Corona year”.

So the very fact that organizers decided to proceed and to continue, facing (and resolving successfully) daily changes and challenges in festival and event management, presents itself a small miracle, or, at least, a masterclass in crisis management.

I am proud and glad to contribute to such enthusiastic efforts keeping my masterclass and the discussions on time in full capacity and as much interactive as possible concerning the “digital distance” and the limits of the media. I am also happy to meet the same level of enthusiasm among the participants. That helped me to offer the best possible in such difficult circumstances.

I hope the participants learned what they expected during the Residency, and I am sure they also learned some additional unplanned and unexpected things because of sudden (and often) change of plans. I learned a lot myself, and I am thankful for that.

I must say that all the experience, however stressful, at the end was very useful and inspiring for me. And that I sincerely hope I will never again have to repeat it.

Hoping to see all of you next year in good health and alive, during the vibrant live festival, I thank you all for exciting collaboration and fruitful work.

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