Information Online Summer School 2021

Safe studies —
we will be far off in our imaginary journeys at home

Dear EGS Community,
Dear Students,

AHS looks back on a successful online summer school and we look forward to do it again. Take-two will be even better: EG-yeS Online.

In this time of uncertainty around the world, we are especially grateful for the strong strands of connectivity that hold us together across continents. We wish for all of us a soon and smooth recovery from the pandemic. Summer School 2021 – we have a vigorous vision: we shall do a paradoxical move and further the communal sense while being physically separated. AHS feels strongly that we want to contribute to the global recovery from the crisis by breaking the current isolation and social distancing. We developed an interactive and arts-based online methodology that enables a sense of belonging to a community of adult learners around the globe. We offer different learning frames to expand the range of skills in working with intermodal expressive arts online.

The Summer School (using the Zoom platform) encompasses interdisciplinary learning experiences: core group, subject courses, lectures, community art, nature based expressive arts (yes, it will be possible), arts festivals, performances, graduation, online student lounge and gallery. Our students will have a chance to book advising sessions, and a counselor is also available.

During both Sessions we will have a ceremony and a symposium, "Imagine ... in memoriam of our dear founding Rector Paolo Knill (1932-2020)." Guests of Honor will be Professor and visual artist Shaun McNiff, author of numerous books in the field of expressive arts, and Daria Halprin, dancer, performer, an EGS faculty member since the beginning of EGS, and co-founder of the Tamalpa Institute. Faculty members and our pioneers will introduce themselves with short videos on social media prior to the Summer School.

For 2021, we also designed an attractive schedule with two sessions daily, as well as a day off in the middle of the three weeks. Learning groups will be established according to both Western and Eastern time hemispheres. Prior to the Summer School, we will have an opening session with community art too.

We’re also aware that many are experiencing financially tight situations. AHS offers, specifically for this summer, a rebate for arts supplies. We will also offer again the covid-19 scholarship in addition to the matching scholarship and work study, on a first come first served basis.

We are in this together – let’s support each other in this global challenge towards collective recovery. The flame of excitement is lit- up among our faculties – we look forward to a masterful take-2 experience.

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