

Seeds of fables - Illustration workshop with guest teacher Jesús Cisneros from 17.06. till 23.06.2024 in Erlau (Odenwald)

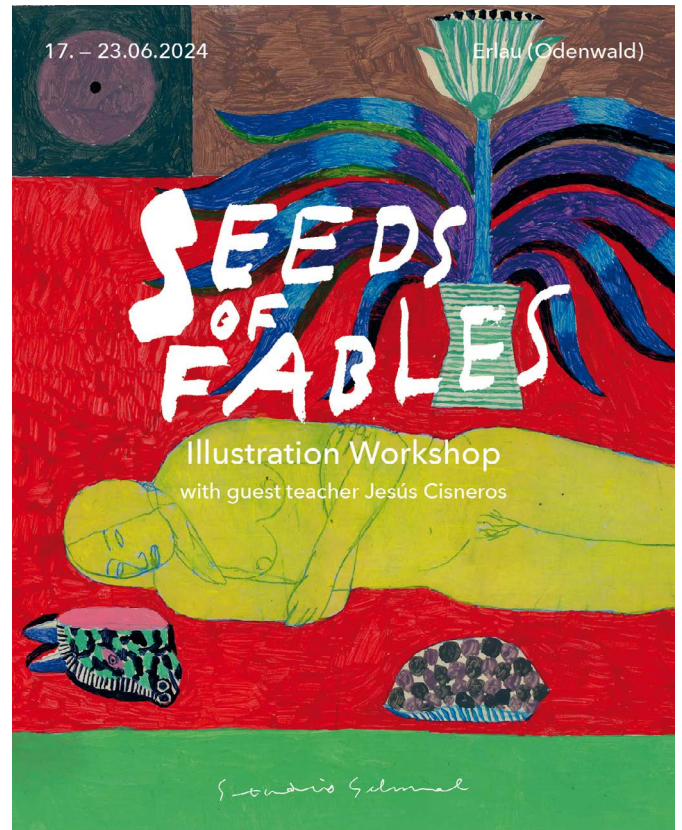
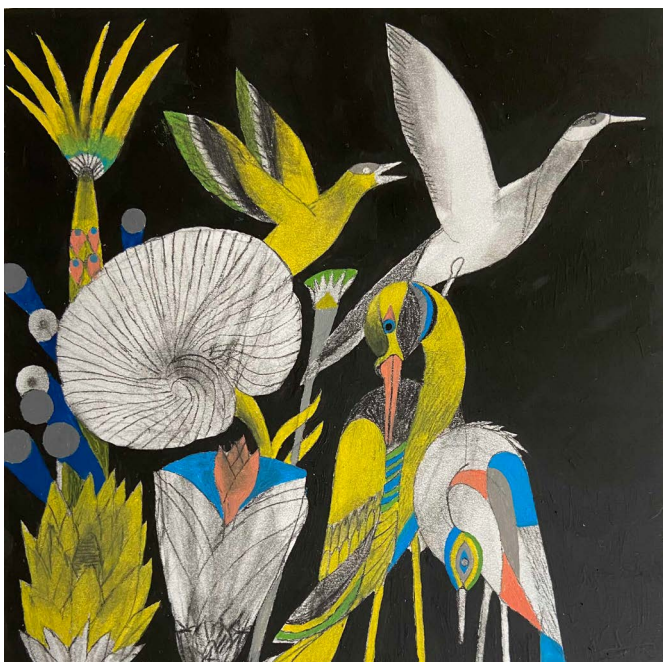
The course

In this workshop the individual work will enter into constant communication with that of the group, creating an experience that - in contrast to the solitude of the studio - will seek to explore the maximum possibilities, both artistic and human, of the encounter between people with different approaches to drawing and illustration.

Nature (shapes, colors, symbols) will be a fundamental part of the workshop. Also the body as a subject of representation and, at the same time, the essence of drawing that is born from intuition.

The joint exploration of varied techniques that encourage the discovery of new ways of working for the participants will be another key to the workshop.

Experiments, accidents and findings will guide a path in which word and image can establish connections and discrepancies with the aim of building stories rich in suggestions and expressive in form.



Guest teacher

Jesús Cisneros (*1969) is a Spanish artist and illustrator. He studied illustration at the School of Applied Arts and art history at the University of Zaragoza. He has published books in collaboration with publishing houses in Spain, France, Mexico, Colombia, Italy and the United Kingdom and has collaborated in various editorial projects. His artwork has been exhibited in Mexico City, Seoul, Marseille, Porto, Zaragoza and several times at the children's book fair in Bologna and at „Illustrarte“ Lisbon. Between 2013 and 2018 he lived in Mexico City where he was combining his work as a freelance illustrator with teaching as a professor at UNAM and the Centre for Design, Film and Television. At the end of 2018 he moved back to Spain, where he works and resides in his home town Zaragoza and is teaching around Europe and abroad. His picturesque, wild and colorful work sprinkles pure creativity and joy and always seeks the encounter between diverse worlds such as drawing, painting, literature and cinema.

You can see more of Jesús work here:
[@jesus.cisneros.ilustrador](https://www.instagram.com/jesus.cisneros.ilustrador)

Our vision

During our workshops we want to give place to celebrate and promote creativity, awake this creative energy that is our essence as humans and that can lead us towards new paths with ourselves, each other and our planet. We believe in the power of community and cultural, social and creative exchange which is why we hold and host this workshop as an integrally artistic, mindful and familial experience with our kids being around.

Little by little we want to grow a creative community and are incredibly thankful for all the joy, inspiration, new people and ideas this project has brought to our lives over the last years. We are very much looking forward to inspiring collaborations, new guestteachers and transdisciplinary contents in 2024 and we hope you will enjoy! To stay tuned to all upcoming events subscribe to the newsletter at studio schmal's website and follow us on Instagram @studioschmal.

Thank you for sharing with all your friends, family and colleagues that might be interested!

The experience

Our aim is to offer a holistic experience with the workshop as its heart and the possibility to connect with nature, the group and yourself in this special location far away from the day to day routines as its body. We want you to nourish with creativity, with fresh air and natural surroundings, with good conversations and new networks, with fondly prepared food and plenty of space for movement or hanging out. You can expand your creative horizon and community while gifting yourself with self-care and most important of all having a good and unforgettable time.



The venue

The seven days lasting workshop will take place at a former farm Erlenhof-Erlau, a scenic location in the middle of UNESCO Geopark Bergstraße-Odenwald around 1h south of Frankfurt am Main. The stream valley near Fränkisch-Crumbach is surrounded by sunny hills and broad-leaved forests, offering nature at its fullest with plenty of possibilities for hiking, strolling around, sun baths and shadowy rests by the brook. Thanks to the beautifully equipped apartments we can not only work at these grounds but also stay over, benefitting from the possibilities of exchange as well as ease in the meantime.

Schedule

MON 17.06. (afternoon) - SUN 23.06.2024 (noon)

The first day is for arrival during the afternoon (16-18h), calm down, getting to know each other, setting up and have a common dinner at night. The course will start on Tuesday after breakfast and we will work the whole week until Saturday afternoon.

We will have the possibility to integrate walks as a daily routine and savor the surrounding nature. In the mornings we would like to offer extra yoga classes alternating with breath walks, if a minimum of 8 participants is reached.

On Sunday we are going to have a goodbye brunch with the presentation of the results and the course will end around noon (13h).



Accommodation and meals

The group will be accommodated for 6 nights in the comfortable apartments of Erlenhof with rooms for usually 2 persons. There are limited single bedrooms. Enjoying meals together is a great opportunity for chatting, exchange, getting to know each other and even make friends during the week and we therefore consider it to play an important role in the whole experience. We will take care of healthy vegetarian lunch, dinner and provide everything for self-serviced breakfast.



Participants and language

The course is open for anybody, it is not necessary to have previous knowledge in illustration. Please note that a minimum of 15 participants is needed to realize the course.

The course will be held in Spanish with translation to English. Also there are German speakers around of course, but please note that we cannot provide two complete translations.

Transport

There are several possibilities to get to Erlau. The first option is coming by car, you could organize as a group with other participants and we can help connecting you with each other. Fränkisch-Crumbach can also be reached by public transport. There are trains running between Frankfurt / Darmstadt and Reinheim, from there you can take the bus to Fränkisch-Crumbach and walk the last 2km to Erlau valley. In this case we will organize a shuttle for your luggage.



Price

Course fee: 650 EUR

Accommodation: 290 EUR (single bedroom + 10 EUR per night, please note that there is a very limited number)

Full board catering: 310 EUR

Total 1.250 EUR (Student 1.150 EUR)

(Price includes 19% taxes and can be paid in 2 rates, material is not included)

Registration and booking

Via email at hello@johannaschmal.com