

studio schmal presents

Zine as a bird - Illustration workshop with Johanna & Cristóbal Schmal from 15.07. till 21.07.2024 in Erlau (Odenwald)

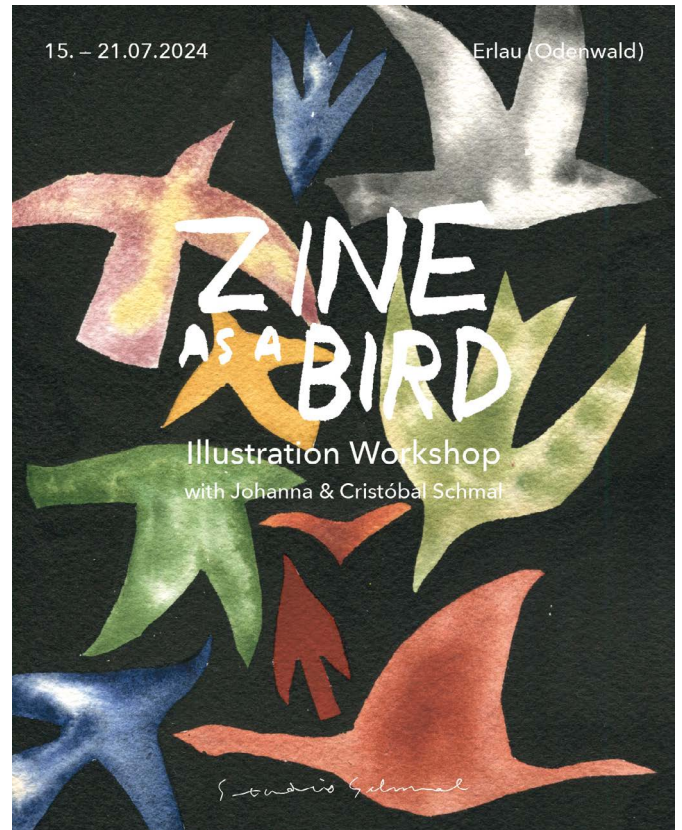
The course

When the seasons change, some birds travel thousands of kilometres to reach distant corners of the world. In ancient times, scientists made long journeys to explore new worlds in search of new knowledge and cultures. What fascinates us about travelling? Discovering new destinations? Taking distance from our daily lives? Is it a way of escape? Or is it a way of finding oneself?

In this course we will work on the idea of travel as a journey, that takes us to new places. The journey as a process and as a destination in itself. That part of the journey that is often relegated to a simple transition between the point of departure and the point of arrival.

We propose to take you to the roads in search of those moments lost in memory: the broken-down car in the middle of the road, the conversation on the train with the seat neighbour, the boat crossing in the middle of the storm, etc.

We will dive into our memories in search of these little journeys and create stories using drawing as a narrative language, taking advantage of the freedoms that the Zine gives us.



The teachers

Johanna and Cristóbal Schmal is a German-Chilean duo working across illustration, fine art and graphic design. Cristóbal graduated from the University of Valparaiso and between 2001 and 2008 worked as a graphic designer in Barcelona before developing his career as an illustrator and artist when moving to Berlin. His work has widely been published in international newspapers, magazines and books and amongst his clients are The New York Times, LA Times, Washington Post, Greenpeace, Lufthansa, Taschen a.o. Johanna graduated in architecture and expanded this discipline in 2015 with a specialization in children's book illustration at EINA Barcelona. She works across media in drawing, painting, collage and textile art. Their work has been exhibited in galleries and artspaces in Germany, Portugal and Spain. Most recently Cristóbal's book project „Panamericana“ has been shown at RFI Gallery Hamburg. Some of the topics inherent in their work such as playfulness, materiality, craftsmanship, experimental and holistic processes, place, nature, reconnection and transformation as well as a their personal passion for intercultural exchange they pass on through their teachings. After a decade in Berlin they live at the countryside south of Frankfurt a.M with their 2 children.

You can see more of Cristóbal's work here:
www.artnomono.com / @nomonki

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 / @nomonki 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 15.07. (afternoon) - SUN 21.07.2024 (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-served breakfast.



Participants and language

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

The course language will be English (or German) depending on the common ground. We do also speak Spanish, but please note that we cannot provide various 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