

SPECTACULAR ESCAPADES VIENNA 2026

10th - 17th of May

Who is it for?

This one-week academy is for anyone interested in exploring clowning as a creative form of activism. If you have any questions or specific access needs, feel free to [contact us](#)



„By their nature carnivals are transitory, and they mock all those that hide behind the facade of permanence...“

John Jordan, Notes Whilst Walking on „[How to Break the Heart of Empire](#)“

About:

For one week, we dive into the practice of Rebel Clowning and engage with the topics of **democracy** and **nationalism**. We will explore clowning as a creative political tool and collaboratively develop a public performance to be presented during the Eurovision Song Contest (ESC) events in Vienna.

We want to get to know one another, explore and deepen the fundamentals of clowning. Drawing on practices such as clowning, bouffon, physical theatre, dance, choreography, and street performance, the week is conceived as a journey from the inside out: a process of connecting physically, emotionally, and creatively -with ourselves and our clown personas, the group, public space and society while exploring how clowning can playfully challenge and transform performers, the people around us, the places we inhabit, and existing power relations. > for more infos: www.clownlabor.ch



Important Information:

- **Language:** English
- **Participation:** Max. of 20 participants
- **Costs:** donation based (recommendation 0-150€) for participants aged 18–30 (older? mention it in your application, we will try to find a solution)
- **Accessibility:** We especially encourage people who are less represented or face structural barriers in artistic or activist training spaces to apply. If you have specific needs, questions or concerns regarding participation, please feel free to [contact us](#)
- **Travel costs:** Reimbursement for travel from AUT & CH
- **Accommodation:** Shared bedrooms (2–3 people)
- **Daily life:** Collective cooking & housekeeping; vegan food only
- **Insurance:** Must be arranged by participants



How can I apply?

Send us your application (Clownlab@proton.me) until 01.02.2026 in the form of your choice (short text/audio/video/...) answering the following questions:

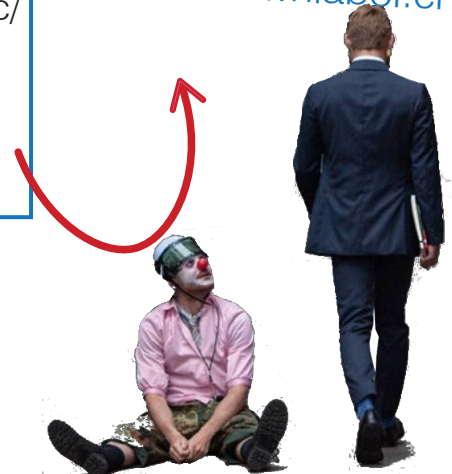
- What is your connection/interest to activism or (political) Clowning?
- How would you like to embed Rebel Clowning in your artistic/activist practice?
- What conditions, resources or changes would support you in participating or in engaging politically through art in the way you wish to?

to dive deeper > check out as well:
REBEL CLOWN SUMMERSCHOOL

HOW TO BE A PATRIDOT

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