

Open Call **REBEL** **CLOWN** ACADEMY

The Rebel Clown Academy

With Hilary Ramsden and Robyn Hambrook we (Clownlabor Schweiz and Theatre of the oppressed Vienna) are inviting two co-founders of the circa rebel clown army. This workshop combines clowning, activism, street art and the politics of public space. The journey from the inside out tests the possibilities of clowning to transform the performer, people, place and power. Our process aims to elevate our work beyond the aesthetic and spectacle into more complex, effective and beautiful forms of creative action that address the political, societal and environmental issues of our time.



When?

Saturday 26th of April until Saturday 3rd of May 2025

Where?

Bern, Switzerland

Who is it for?

Anyone interested in exploring clowning as a creative form of activism. If you have any question or special need [contact us](#).

How can I apply?

Send us your application (clownlab@proton.me) in the form of your choice (short text with max. 3500 characters or audio/video of max. 5 min) answering the following questions:

- What is your connection/interest to activism, artivism or (political) clowning?
- How would you like to embed Rebel Clowning in your artistic or activist practice?

The academy has a limited capacity of 20 participants.





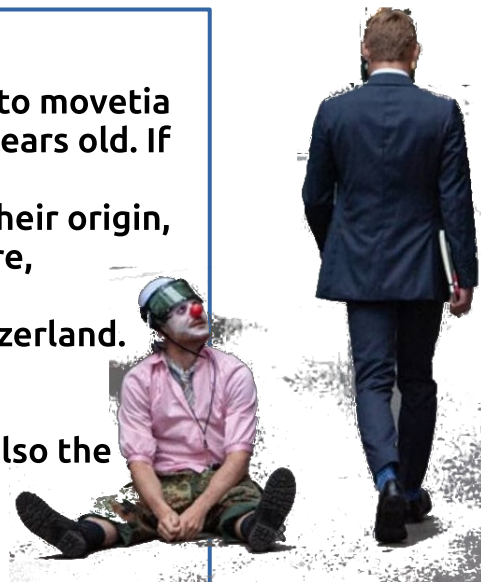
What is the program?

The weekend of the 26th and 27th of April is dedicated to get to know each other and to refresh the basics of clowning practice. The Rebel Clown Academy will take place from 28th of April until the 2nd of May including: Clowning & physical theatre basics, Rebel Clown Training Methodologies, Activist Clown Tools & Techniques, Choreographies of Protest, Politics of Public Space, Clowns & Power.

On the 1st of May there will be a collective clowning action in public space which will be created by everyone.

Important Information

- The Rebel Clown Academy will be held in English and thanks to Movetia participation is free of charge for those between 13 and 30 years old. If you are older, let us know and we can try to find a solution.
- We want to create a safer space for everyone regardless of their origin, gender, sexual orientation, nationality, ability, religion, culture, residence status, age, class or appearance.
- Travel Tickets can be reimbursed from Austria and from Switzerland.
- We will collectively cook vegan food at the venue and do the housekeeping together.
- The accommodation is provided in shared bedrooms. There is also the possibility to bring your own tent.
- The venue is wheelchair accessible
- Insurance is in the responsibility of the participants



«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"



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