

Presentation & missions



Situated in the old fish market in central Rennes since 1986, La Criée centre for contemporary art is a venue for exhibitions and artistic encounters.

La Criée is a workshop for innovation, production and the promotion of artists and their work both on- and off-site.

It sees its education measures as an active process of sharing and experimentation in close association with its artists and its various publics.

La Criée is a city of rennes cultural facility has been given Ministry of Culture accreditation as a centre for contemporary art of national importance.



Support of artistic creation

Producing artworks

La Criée assists artists financially, artistically, logistically and technically with production of their works.

Organising exhibitions

La Criée organises four temporary, solo or group exhibitions annually. The premises can be modified to suit the project in question and presents works – most often created specifically for the event – by emergent or recognised artists living in Brittany, France or abroad.

Organising events

The exhibitions are accompanied by multidisciplinary events: performances, concerts, talks, screenings, readings, etc.

Artists' residencies

In partnership with bodies in the fields of culture, education, health, etc., La Criée offers residencies for experimentation, creation and transmission tailored to artists' needs.

Associate artists

Taking a model inspired by the performing arts and hitherto unknown in this form in art centres, each season La Criée invites one or more artists as associates. This collaborative approach enables testing of an innovative, long-term way of working, in close harmony with the creative process.



Support for research

Themed series

The themed series facilitate long-term exploration of artistic and/or socially relevant subject and diversification of approaches. They give overall consistency and identity to the art centre's activities.

Publications

La Criée publishes artist's books, multiples, monographs and journals, preparing the contents with artists, authors and critics.

Online resources

La Criée shares its archives via its website. All projects since 1999 are documented in detail and freely accessible.

Training

La Criée organises and takes part in colloquia and study days in partnership with tertiary education bodies and professional networks.



Cooperation

At local and national level

Every year La Criée forms partnerships with numerous professionals working in education, social welfare, health and culture. The expertise thus acquired earns the art centre team regular invitations to sit on commissions and take part in professional meetings.

At international level

La Criée is involved in the production and dissemination of projects with international outreach: residencies for artists and curators, co-production of works and exhibitions, joint publishing ventures and research programmes.



Education

On-site cultural mediation

In a spirit of receptiveness and total accessibility, the visitor services department caters to La Criée's audience diversity, offering activities for individuals and groups, initiates and novices, and all ages from the very young to the elderly. Each exhibition comes with specific liaison tools – guided tours, workshops, itineraries, encounters with the artists – that give priority to interchange, experimentation and sharing of knowledge.

Off-site cultural mediation

La Criée works with artists and the public in a context of twinnings and residencies for research and artistic and cultural education and creation, in Rennes, the Ille-et-Vilaine département and Brittany. Designed in parallel with the art centre's programme, the projects are developed over time, in interaction with a network of partners in the fields of education, social welfare, culture and health.

Digital mediation

Cultural liaison goes digital via Correspondences, La Criée's participatory platform: a system of educational and creative resources that optimises the works produced by visiting groups and shares the interactive games devised with artists and young people.



30 artworks (co)produced
15 events
5 artist's residencies
4 on-site exhibitions
4 research projects and publications
1 international project
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20 artworks (co)produced
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annual average

35,000 visitors

50 artists aided 35 partnerships

250 mediation projects

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Admission is free and the art centre is accessible for people with reduced

mobility.

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