

# OYL International Program

By OYL Theater Company

**OYL International Program** is a global program designed to inspire and broaden the artist, deepening their relationship with collaborative performance in an intercultural context.

**OYL International Program welcomes artists of all disciplines** (actors, musicians, dancers, directors, designers, dramaturgs, choreographers, playwrights) **to apply at any stage in their studies and/or career.** We aim to create an international company that is cross-disciplinary, multigenerational, and multicultural.

Collaborate with and perform alongside our company members in the premiere of a new Greek translation of Ellen McLaughlin's *Oedipus*. All artists will take part in all programming, and are expected to perform regardless of their focus.

Work with OYL Theater Company in the remote, breathtaking locations of Varadenahalli Village, India; Lake Nojiri, Japan; and Papingo, Greece. Intrinsic to artistic activities, programming includes hikes into the stunning natural environment, as well as excursions into the cultural landscape of each country.

The 2024 OYL International Program will be helmed by Akiko Aizawa, Amanda Culp, Ianthe Demos, Rinde Eckert, Leon Ingulsrud, Marie Kuroda, Christina Lind, Natalie Lomonte, and Ellen McLaughlin; alongside other company members and artists of OYL.

**2024 Dates: June 10, 2024 - August 12, 2024 (with a possible extension to August 19, 2024)**

- Program A\*: Two full months in India, Japan, & Greece
- Program B\*\*: One month in India & Japan
- Program C: One month in Greece

*\*Applications to Program A will be prioritized.*

*\*\*Program B does not include the final performances of Oedipus.*

## 2024 Program Cost

- Program A: \$11,000
- Program B: \$5,500
- Program C: \$5,500

See a breakdown of what is/is not included in the “Finances and Fees” section below.

## 2024 Financial Assistance

We encourage potential applicants to not be deterred by the program cost. Learn more about *The Babis Gousias Memorial Fund* [HERE](#). Additionally, please feel free to email us at [oylfinancial@gmail.com](mailto:oylfinancial@gmail.com) to discuss financial assistance.

## The Program

In India, Japan, & Greece, you will:

- Take workshops & train in meditation, Suzuki, Viewpoints, music, dance, yoga, choral work, martial arts, and clowning
- Work towards a production of Ellen McLaughlin's *Oedipus* in Greek

In India, you will:

- Work with special guest artists such as Akhshay Gandhi, Maya Krishna Rao, Kirtana Kumar, Prithvi Nayak, and Konarak Reddy
- Attend curated performances of a vast array of Indian performing arts, including Yakshagana, Beesu Kamsala, Carnatic Music, Odissi Dance, and more
- Live in residency at Infinite Souls Artists Retreat in the South Indian state of Karnataka
- Trek the scenic Savandurga – one of the largest monoliths in Asia
- Study the ancient arts forms of Konnakol and Kathakali
- Enjoy South Indian cuisine
- Experience the beauty of the South Indian monsoon season
- Spend two days in New Delhi at Black Box Okhla with Mahindra Excellence in Theater Award-Winning director Nikhil Mehta, training and attending theater

In Japan, you will:

- Study with Tokyo-based Noh artist Jinya Imai
- Train daily in Suzuki and Viewpoints
- Work with contemporary musicians and dancers, including Ren Kosaka and Chie Norieda
- Attend a Kabuki performance in Tokyo
- Ascend 3000 feet to the summit of Mt. Kurohime
- Live on Lake Nojiri
- Participate in the practice of forest bathing
- Experience a traditional Japanese tea ceremony
- Enjoy Japanese cuisine
- Experience Japanese village life

In Greece, you will:

- Create and perform *Oedipus* by Ellen McLaughlin in Greek in village squares in the Epirus region and in a theatre in Ioannina
- Visit the Parthenon, the Acropolis Museum, and the Theater of Dionysus
- Attend a show at the ancient theater of Epidaurus
- Live in the Vikos-Aoos National UNESCO geopark
- Attend local festivals
- Raft on the mythical Voidomatis River, climb to the peak of Astraka, visit the mysterious Dragon Lakes, and traverse the deepest gorge in Europe

## **The Practicalities**

### Flights

Participants pay for all their own flights. OYL will arrange all flights, with the exception of initial arrival and final departure, in order to give participants maximum flexibility.

- Program A: India, Japan & Greece:
  - Arrive Bangalore, India on June 10\*
  - Bangalore to Delhi on June 19
  - Delhi to Tokyo on June 22
  - Tokyo to Athens on July 8
  - Depart Athens, Greece on August 12 with possible extension to August 19\*
- Program B: Japan & India:
  - Arrive Bangalore, India on June 10\*
  - Bangalore to Delhi on June 19
  - Delhi to Tokyo on June 22
  - Depart Tokyo, Japan on July 8\*
- Program C: Greece:
  - Arrive Athens, Greece on July 11\*
  - Depart Athens, Greece on August 12 with possible extension to August 19\*

\* Participants are responsible for arranging these flights.

### Accommodations and Meals

While in India, Japan, and Greece all accommodations, internal travel, and meals are provided by OYL. Accommodations will differ in each country and will range between dormitory style housing to bed-and-breakfast style. Three meals per day are provided.

Dietary needs will be respected, but options may be limited. If you have questions or concerns, please contact us to discuss at [info@oneyearlease.org](mailto:info@oneyearlease.org).

### Insurance

OYL requires all participants to obtain travel insurance prior to arriving at the program. [www.insuremytrip.com](http://www.insuremytrip.com) is a very useful website to compare and purchase travel insurance policies appropriate for your situation.

### Physical Preparation

The OYL International Program is a highly physical undertaking, yet designed carefully to be attainable for all. Along with daily physical training, we undertake two or more mountain hikes as part of each month of the program. We strongly encourage basic daily fitness activities in advance of joining the program.

## Finances & Fees

The program fee is inclusive of arts programming, accommodation, meals, most excursions, admission fees, and internal transportation. It does NOT include airfare (detailed below), insurance, or visa fees. **The program fees\* are as listed below:**

Program fees:

- A. India, Japan, & Greece (June 10 - August 12) - \$11,000 USD
- B. India & Japan (June 10 - July 8) - \$5,500 USD
- C. Greece (July 11 - August 12) - \$5,500 USD

For accepted applicants, a \$1,000 USD deposit is required to secure your place one week after acceptance. A 3-part installment payment plan is available [HERE](#). Payments can be made by check, money order, or online with a credit card. Credit card payments are subject to a 2.2% processing fee.

Payments breakdown as follows:

- Program A: India, Japan, & Greece
  - Full program fee **\$11,000**
  - Deposit/ 1<sup>st</sup> payment (**required to hold your place**) \$1,000
  - 2<sup>nd</sup> Payment (Due no later than **April 1, 2024**) \$5,000
  - 3<sup>rd</sup> Payment (Due no later than **May 1, 2024**) \$5,000
- Program B: India & Japan
  - Full program fee **\$5,500**
  - Deposit/ 1<sup>st</sup> payment (**required to hold your place**) \$1,000
  - 2<sup>nd</sup> Payment (Due no later than **April 1, 2024**) \$2,250
  - 3<sup>rd</sup> Payment (Due no later than **May 1, 2024**) \$2,250
- Program C: Greece
  - Full program fee **\$5,500**
  - Deposit/ 1<sup>st</sup> payment (**required to hold your place**) \$1,000
  - 2<sup>nd</sup> Payment (Due no later than **April 1, 2024**) \$2,250
  - 3<sup>rd</sup> Payment (Due no later than **May 1, 2024**) \$2,250

*\*For financial assistance and scholarship information please click [HERE](#).*

## **The Application**

Applications will be accepted on a rolling basis beginning November 15, 2023. Applications will close February 1, 2024. Late applications may be accepted, space permitting. There is a non-refundable application fee of \$49.00.

Each application is carefully reviewed by a panel of the OYL Artistic Staff. Selection and participation is wholly based on the quality of the written and material submissions. The program is designed for professional artists. College-level artists are encouraged to apply.

2024 Program options & dates are as follows:

- Program A: India, Japan & Greece (June 10 - August 12)
- Program B: India & Japan (June 10 - July 8)
- Program C: Greece (July 11 - August 12)

Priority will be given to those who apply to **Program A**. Spots are strictly limited and highly competitive, with a capacity of 25 participants per month. Consequently, applicants are encouraged to apply early, and to take time and care in their written responses.

At time of submission, you will be asked to supply the following:

- An updated headshot (or current photo)
- A current resume
- Two personal/professional references to be contacted by OYL
  - NO letter of recommendation is required
- Your completed application responses (see application portal below)
- A non-refundable payment of \$49.00

**Ready to apply? You can find the application portal [HERE](#).**