

Artists as immigrants

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1. I have no integration problems, but my parents still have difficulties in Germany. My mother is from a village where everyone knows each other, and she feels lost here. Still, they stay here because of my brothers and me.

2. I'm interested in other people and other cultures. I like Düsseldorf because it is very multi-cultural. The city is not too big, the countryside is close by and you can just go for a walk.

3. At the beginning, I had difficulties expressing myself, and people did not show much patience trying to understand me.

4. I studied art in my country and have only come to Germany because of the Art Academy. I do miss everything from back home... but Düsseldorf is an open city, and the people are very pleasant.

5. As an artist I want to communicate an idea and share it with others. I've had to find my own way, but I've learnt a lot and it's been enriching.

6. On one occasion a collector did not want my work because I don't hold a degree from the Academy but I've always found my own way and can make a living from my work.

7. It's like little New York here: international artists, the media, everything is there. There's a lot of potential.

8. I found marketing difficult in Germany. You have to have a concept for your art, know how to sell yourself. My philosophy is to be positive.

9. I'm happy. I've got a good family, good friends and I can make a living from making music. I don't want to live elsewhere, I want to become a successful singer.