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Public notice

CALL FOR ARTISTS

V_AIR 2021 VIMERCATE ART IN RESIDENCE. 5th Edition INVITATION TO APPLY FOR ARTISTS' RESIDENCIES AT THE 'MUST' (MUSEUM OF THE TERRITORY OF VIMERCATE)

The Department of Culture of the Municipal Council of Vimercate (Italy, Lombardy region) is offering the annual residency programme V_AIR for 2021, to promote contemporary art and support the artistic production.

The theme for the winning artists' works will be *"DIALOGUES WITH CATASTROPHE. Considerations, practices and visions for rebirth"*.

The term Catastrophe indicates a radical and sudden event that, as can be seen from its etymology (from the Greek κατά below down and στρέφω turn), describes the overturning of the status quo, a radical upheaval of the existing that involves the impossibility of perpetrating the present.

In the act of overturning, the catastrophe shows the hidden face of things and challenges the paradigms with which we know and operate in the world.

Catastrophe is a key -word of our time, which connects us to the precariousness of living on an infected planet, devastated by global warming, consecrated to profit, made fragile by the action of man. Today, catastrophe is a condition in which we are immersed, with which we are called to cohabit and to experiment with new practices of adaptation and constant reconstruction of existence.

How can we get out of the catastrophe? Which are the tools we need to react to it? How can we imagine a possible rebirth? The questions that the theme moves are many. V_AIR 2021 intends to make to the artists in residence, activating dialogues and listening practices in order to think new imaginaries, consolidate alliances and plan new futures.

V_AIR 2021 invites the artists to work on the theme in relation with the Vimercate contest and its surroundings.

During the artistic residency process there will be many forms of relation with the territory, such as meetings, study visits, collaborations, surveys on the urban landscape and on the social and cultural context.

THE SUBJECT OF THE NOTICE

The artist residency will take place **from 3 to 23 May 2021**, selecting up to 6 projects by young artists, who will then be assigned a studio in the local museum **MUST Museum of the territory of Vimercate** in which to create their works for a period of 3 weeks.

The studio assigned to the artist will sometimes be open to the public and will also serve as a place to meet and listen to curators, critics and art professionals.

At the end of the residency, an exhibition dedicated to the residency production will open and will be presented in the spaces of MUST Museum.



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During the residency period a public program will be organised with guests from the contemporary local and national cultural scene: open studio, seminars, workshops, studio visits and tours.

The period of residence will end with the inauguration of the collective exhibition from 22 May to 27 June 2021. The publication of a final catalog of the realized works is planned.

Artists can participate that work in the field of visual arts (painting, sculpture, graphic design, performance, photography, video, installation) without restriction of expressive language and artistic technique.

In case of selection of a performance project, the selected artist will be invited to prepare documentation material useful for the planned final exhibition. The artist will have to undertake to provide a work that can be replicated and integrated into a collection, through indications to reactivate the performance and related additional materials.

RECIPIENTS

The invitation is open to individuals Italian or foreign, who have full exercise of civil and political rights in their own country. Non-European candidates must be in possession of a valid residence permit that complies with current Italian immigration laws, or they must undertake to obtain one prior to the start of the residence.

The artists must be **aged between 19 and 35 years old** at the end of this notice.

Groups of artists up to a maximum of two members are allowed.

Groups are considered as unique artist / author, so they must name a representative to be nominal beneficiary of benefits and services. The winners of previous editions of V_AIR Vimercate Art In Residence are excluded from participation.

CONDITIONS OF PARTICIPATION

Artists will live as guests of the Municipality of Vimercate, which will provide each artist with lodgings and a lump sum of € 1.800,00 (included 20% taxes) for production and meals.

Groups are considered by an unique artist/author and so will get only one lump sum and one lodgement. At the end of the residency, each chosen artist will donate the completed work, or a part of it, to the Municipality of Vimercate which will become part of the museum collections.

The winning artists will be asked to sign a contract for acceptance of the conditions of participations.

In the realization of the project, the winning artists will have to comply with all applicable copyright laws relating to images, audio and soundtracks that may be present within their work.

The selected artists will take care of any payment relating to the rights of third parties regarding the use of images or sounds during the period of residence.

During the residency period the artists will take care of any payment relating production costs (including rights, shipping costs and purchase of materials and equipment, transport, etc ...) and will be responsible for any damage caused to things or people. For the final exhibition of the work, spaces and equipment will be made available at the museum and the artists will be asked to design the work also in relation to the space assigned and the equipment available or in any case not providing for additional charges for the organizers. During the residency, the winning



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artists must comply with all the regulations in force in the period of the residency regarding anticovid safety adopted by the museum.

VALUTATION AND SELECTION OF CANDIDATES

The proposals received will be subjected to an initial internal verification by the Culture and Museum office of the Municipality of Vimercate concerning the completeness and regularity of the documentation presented. During the investigation, the participants may be asked for clarification on the documentation presented.

Applications will be assessed according to predefined criteria, by a specially convened panel of experts.

The assessment criteria, with relative scores for up to 100 points, will be as follows:

- 1 **originality:** an innovative and original approach to the theme of the call, in terms of methodology and project proposal - up to a maximum of 30 points;
- 2 **quality:** clarity and quality of the exposition/ presentation, including the description, the methodology of the proposal, the aesthetic and artistic research – up to a maximum of 30 points;
- 3 **consistency with the chosen theme** – up to a maximum of 20 points;
- 4 **applicant's CV** – up to a maximum of 20 points.

In the event of a tie, the youngest artist will be awarded.

On the basis of the assessment and the overall scores assigned to the applications, a merit list will be prepared and posted on the website of the Municipality of Vimercate www.comune.vimercate.mb.it and on the Museum's website www.museomust.it.

The Municipal Council reserves the right not to make any award if none of the applications submitted is deemed suitable, or on grounds of public interest. In that event, the Council shall not be liable to applicants in any respect.

HOW TO PARTICIPATE

Interested artists must submit their candidature, on pain of exclusion, not later than **12.00 pm on 12 th February 2021.**

Applications must be submitted by PEC to the Protocol Office of the Municipal Council of Vimercate vimercate@pec.comune.vimercate.mb.it or by email to info@museomust.it, with the subject line "V_AIR 2021 VIMERCATE ART IN RESIDENCE".

To take part in the selection, each candidate must send as attachments, in PDF format:

- the application form duly completed and signed (Attachment A);
- a *curriculum vitae* that includes their education, past exhibitions, prizes won, participation in other residency programmes, publications, articles about them and a portfolio of ten of their recent works;
- a description of the work that they hope to undertake during their residence;
- a photocopy of a valid identity document.

The applications and attached documents may only be sent in Italian or English.



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DATA TREATMENT

The candidate's personal data are processed in compliance with the legislation on the protection of privacy pursuant to EU Regulation 679/2016 and Legislative Decree 196/2003. By sending the application, the artist expresses his consent to the aforementioned treatment.

INFORMATION AND PROGRAMME DIRECTOR

Any information regarding this notice can be obtained from the Programme Director, Marco Papa, at the Ufficio Cultura e Museo: email marco.papa@comune.vimercate.mb.it - telephone +39 039 6659 485/491.

Dr Marco Papa, Director of Culture
Vimercate, 16 th December 2020

Attachment A