



Visual Arts Estonia Residencies

"Open Call | "Wild Bits" Residency and Exhibition"

"Applications are open until January 27th 2023 (included)."

The project "Wild Bits" is an exhibition concept that proposes a temporary art park in the wilderness. The exhibition looks for points of contact between people, technology and nature. The technological art installations consisting of sounds, lights, texts, sculptures or their online counterparts are placed in natural spaces like forests, fields, swamps and lakes.

With this open call Maajaam is seeking proposals for installations, interventions or processes to be installed in landscapes spread out around Maajaam that explore the human condition in a contemporary technological society. The artworks should withstand outdoor conditions. We encourage artists to think of solutions that are energy sustainable: use alternative sources (e.g. solar panels) and be as economical as possible.

Maajaam

Maajaam is situated in an old farmhouse, but is nonetheless operated as a media art experimentation residency. It lies on the frontier of these overlapping normalities, extending an invitation to contemplate, question and explore the aspects of a technological society, its influence on our behaviour, perception and thinking as well as on our surrounding environments.

Residency

The residency will take place between June and August of 2023. The residency lasts for approximately 3 weeks, depending on your production plan. The produced works will remain in Maajaam until 2025. By participating in this open call, the artist agrees that their works can be also displayed in satellite exhibits in Latvia (partner Savvala) and Estonia.

Budget

In total the program will select three to five projects for the 2023 residency period. We are open to all artists from around the world. Selected projects receive an artist fee of €2.000 (per project) and a travel grant. The total maximum production budget per project can be up to €5.000 (please submit a preliminary budget). The production will be assisted by organizers by providing some production facilities, tools (see the list here), specialized know-how and a smoke sauna experience.

Selection

Main selection criteria:

- suitability of the idea considering the assignment
- feasibility of the production plan
- environmental impact of the project
- project's ability to relate to the surrounding landscape
- Residency production camp will take place between June and August 2023 in Maajaam. As an exception we can organize one or two individual residencies on other dates.

Residency duration: around 3 weeks

Residency dates: June to August 2023

Residency location: Estonia

Application deadline: January 27th 2023 (included)

Results of the open call: March 2023

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Find more information here.