CALL FOR GRANTS 2023-24 FOR THE REALIZATION OF ARTISTIC PROJECTS WITH ASSIGNMENT OF STUDY AT BILBAO ARTE

PERIOD: SEPTEMBER 15, 2023 – JULY 15, 2024

The will of FUNDACIÓN BILBAOARTE FUNDAZIOA is to promote culture and artistic production, and for such purpose it collaborates with FUNDACIÓN BILBAO BIZKAIA KUTXA BBK in the edition of this present call for grants for artistic project productions.

Given the characteristics of Fundación Bilbao Arte Fundazioa–its technical installations and its professional team–, **it is highlighted that the suitability of those projects lies on an advantageous use of the resources and on the technical and professional possibilities offered by Bilbao Arte.**

In this regard, the presented projects that prove the need to work in the Foundation making a full use of its technical equipment and the advice and collaboration of the technicians will have priority over other projects in which the artist does not need to make use of the facilities or the professional team at Fundación Bilbao Arte Fundazioa.

Consequently, for these active residency grants, the projects which present a documented work plan that considers a continuous use of the Digital image, Media Lab, Sculpture and Printing and engraving workshops will be specially considered *(information on the technology and media that Bilbao Arte puts at the service of artists can be consulted on the website*).

A maximum of 10 grants are convened. The grant holders will have a studio on temporary assignment at the Bilbao Arte Foundation and will have an economic endowment for production costs of 5,000 euros for the 10-month scholarships and 2,500 euros for the five-month ones. They will also gain access to the rest of the infrastructure available to the center in its different production workshops.

Bilbao Arte, in addition to providing the use of all its facilities (*check the web page with the detailed equipment of the Foundation*), establishes an advising service through the Workshop Masters, who will take care of the technical needs.

ISSUES OF INTEREST

- The reception of these grants is compatible with other type of complementary grants for accommodation, traveling, and other expenses that are not included in the Fundación Bilbao Bizkaia Kutxa BBK grants. Except for the benefit of coinciding stays that prevent the regular presence in Bilbao.
- The nature of these grants includes any artistic-plastic discipline, individually as well as in group, of which commitment is that it be produced within the deadlines of the present call.
- Failure to fulfill this agreement on finishing the project within the deadlines of the stay due to any reason, the directive board of Fundación Bilbao Arte will have the legal authority to make the decision that is estimated to be the convenient one in that regard. Their decision will not be subject to appeal.
- All the people who prove to have a solvent artistic and academic career can apply for this call, regardless of their age and origin.
- Only those who have enjoyed this grant in the previous call are excluded.
- The duration of the grant may be (preference to indicate in the application):
    - Five months (to choose between two periods: from September 15, 2023 to February 15, 2024; or from February 15 to July 15, 2024).
    - Ten months (from September 15, 2023 to July 15, 2024).
- In addition to the assignment of study and financial aid, accommodation may be requested in the shared flats assigned to the Bilbao Arte Foundation within the duration of the grant, at no additional cost to the artist. Places are limited.
- The compliance of these bases authorizes the grant-holding artists to participate in the selection process for a maximum of four individual exhibitions which will be produced by the Foundation itself, and will be held throughout the year 2024. Said exhibitions contemplate production, promotion and dissemination expenses of the exhibition, as well as fees for the artist.

THE PANEL OF JUDGES

The selection of the projects will be carried out by the jury designated by the Foundation for this matter. The composition of the mentioned jury will be made public in the Fundación Bilbao Arte web site before the publication of their decisions. Their decision will not be subject to appeal.

COMMITMENT OF THE GRANTED PEOPLE (NATURAL PERSON OR LEGAL ENTITY)

The assignment of a working-space entails its continuous use during the time-period that has been approved for the fulfillment of the project. A prolonged and unjustified absence and/or the lack of use of the working-space for the purpose it has been assigned implies the automatic loss of the space and the financial aid.

The selected artists are committed to:

1. Comply with the working regulation of Bilbao Arte.
2. Keep their regular residence around Bilbao during the time period of the grant.
3. Develop their project and interact with the different tutors and assistants that the Foundation offers in order to strengthen their job.
4. Hand, as remuneration for the assistance they have received, a significant piece of their creation so that it becomes part of the public collection of the Bilbao Arte Foundation.
5. Commit to participate in the activities programmed for the Open Studios days (collective exhibition, project presentations, etc.) and present materials at the end of their residency for the preparation of the annual report.
6. In the event that the stay has to do with the production of an audiovisual work, the name of Bilbao Arte will have to be shown in the credits.
7. Accept the terms of use of the working-spaces and the equipment of Bilbao Arte (available on the website).

REQUIRED DOCUMENTATION

1. A file of the project to be produced containing the following sections:
   - Registration form (available on the website)
   - A brief explanation of the project, summarized in no more than 30 lines
   - A timeline of the use of the resources and facilities of Bilbao Arte
   - Previously produced images, drafts or works that are somehow related to the presented project
   - A personal resume including academic and professional achievements (in case of groups, the resume of each and every member will be included).
2. All type of complementary graphic documents, catalogs, sketches and images that may be convenient to add for a better understanding of the project.

APPLICATION SUBMISSION

The documents will be submitted by electronic mail: sending a PDF file **(maximum 10 Mb)** to convocatorias@bilbaoarte.org, stating in the subject line the type of grant that is being requested.

All the applications will have to be sent from the date of publication of these bases until June 2nd 2023 including this day (until 11:59 pm).

DATA PROTECTION

The participants accept that the provided personal data according to the present call be temporarily incorporated into a file owned by Fundación Bilbao Arte Fundazioa, with the following address: Urazurrutia, 32, Bilbao, with the purpose of being able to manage the present call. Said data will not be saved after the concession of the grants.

ACCEPTANCE OF BASES

The participants, by the mere fact that they participate in this call, accept the present bases.