

we are pleased to announce our 2021

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BONFIRE is a nonprofit cultural organization engaged in the research and diffusion of contemporary art. It currently takes the form of an online platform providing space for gathering and cooperation between artists and agents of the cultural field. By hosting digital artist residencies we encourage interaction, provoke new dialogues and reflections around the creative process, offer tools to the new lifestyle and media as well as support to develop new projects.

about the virtual experience

The virtual environment is one of the most influential environments nowadays, a dimension that is transforming all sectors of our lives, including art and culture. We believe it is time to embrace alternative approaches in the contemporary art scene and to adapt to new communication channels.

From the BONFIRE platform we aim to generate a warm and dynamic digital space where research and debates take place, together with a rich artistic production. Our online residencies invite artists and other creative professionals to inhabit a common virtual space for a concrete period of time. Taking part in such an experience is possible regardless of the artists geographical location and it is based mostly on digital communication, connecting the local with the global art world.

BONFIRE comes to fill a growing need of encounters, shared processes, collectivity and long lasting relations. All we need are branches and matches to light the fire!

programs

BONFIRE residency

A **six-week** thematic program with a range of **three to five participants**, providing a space to exchange and cooperation between international artists and agents of the cultural field. The residency focuses on a specific theme and promotes research and artistic development around it but it is not necessary to have a work in progress or a line of research related to it. The topic and its theoretical and visual framework aim to invite the participants to a certain atmosphere and proposal but with total freedom.

Residents are encouraged to participate actively, interacting with the fellows, researching, experimenting in their creative process, being open to artist talks, open studios and group proposals. An outcome and final presentation are required, as well as sharing the process and development of the work on a weekly basis.

Fluent English is necessary for a complete experience.

we offer:

- Full programme for the entire duration of the residency.
- Weekly group meetings hosted by the BONFIRE team (LEMOS + LEHMANN).
- Guidance and assistance during the research and development of the projects (also individually, if necessary).
- Lecture by an external invited guest on the theme of the residency in order to offer new insights.
- Masterclass with a digital branding specialist on how to set up your online presence effectively.
- Becoming part of the international BONFIRE network: getting access to new opportunities and proposals.
- Diffusion and promotion of your work through the BONFIRE website and social media channels.
- Artist talks, open studios, presentations and feeds on our social media.
- Residency profile on the BONFIRE website.
- Personal profile on the BONFIRE website including artist video and solo gallery.

Residency fee: 220€. At the moment, we cannot offer personal funding but we can provide you with the necessary documentation in case you want to apply for an external grant.

WALK & TALK residency

A **seven-day** program with **two participants**, created in order to promote free exchange and daily interaction. BONFIRE proposes the matches, prepares a mutual presentation and offers guidance and tools for the week, providing the opportunity to engage in a creative and productive dialogue. The focus of this program is on the people who come together and their encounter. There is no concrete theme nor prescribed outcomes even if sharing the experience would be necessary (through an essay, screenshots, video or any other possibility). Residents are encouraged to participate actively.

Residencies take place in English (Spanish can also be an option as far as other artists apply for it and we can organize a match. Please, state your language preference in your application form.)

we offer:

- Meetings hosted by the BONFIRE team (LEMOS + LEHMANN).
- Tools and proposals to promote a dynamic and fruitful exchange.
- Guidance and assistance during the course of the week (also individually, if necessary).
- Becoming part of the international BONFIRE network: getting access to new opportunities and proposals.
- Diffusion and promotion of your work through the BONFIRE website and social media channels.
- Residency and personal profile on the BONFIRE website.

Residency fee: 60€. At the moment, we cannot offer personal funding but we can provide you with the necessary documentation in case you want to apply for an external grant.

for whom?

The historical barriers between and within art disciplines are disappearing. Increasingly, artists are exploiting opportunities to collaborate, learn from and share with other art practices. Our residencies answer to this strong tendency and provide a neutral space for such interactions, being the main target groups:

- visual artists
- performing artists
- new media artists
- writers in a expanded field
- art researchers
- curators

In short, any creator who feels the need to meet to reflect, debate and share the creative process. Our programs are open to participants from 21 years old, solo or duo, emerging, mid-career or established ones, from all around the world. Candidates will be selected based on their artwork and professional background, as well as their motivation to be part of the program. Applications are free of charge.

calendar

BONFIRE residencies (6 weeks duration)

'WONDERS' / MAY, 3rd - JUNE, 13th, 2021 **DEADLINE: 15TH OF APRIL!!**

JULY - AUGUST 2021 (summer residency to be confirmed)

'NIGHT FALLS' / SEPTEMBER, 6th - OCTOBER, 17th, 2021

'THE LOOP' / NOVEMBER, 1st - DECEMBER, 12th, 2021

* calendar open to possible updates.

DEADLINE: one month before the residency starts. For instance, for the program starting the 1st of November, deadline will be the 1st of October (12:00 CET). We will take two to five days for the final resolution. Every applicant will be informed of their status via email.

calendar

WALK & TALK residencies
(1 week duration) _monday to monday

MAY, 10th to 17th, 2021

JUNE, 14th to 21st, 2021

JULY, 12th to 19th, 2021

AUGUST, 16th to 23rd, 2021

SEPTEMBER, 13th to 20th, 2021

OCTOBER, 11th to 18th, 2021

NOVEMBER, 15th to 22nd, 2021

DECEMBER, 13th to 20th, 2021

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* choose two calendar options (in order of priority)!

You can apply throughout the year until the places for each month are full (deadline, 15 days before the start of the residency). Every applicant will be informed of their status via email.

application

Digital portfolio as a pdf (max. 15 pages) including:

- Personal details (name, date of birth, nationality and place of residency)
- Short bio (max. 200 words)
- CV outlining your artistic experience (max. 1 page)
- Motivation statement (max. 200 words) + two calendar options
- Portfolio with your main projects
- Link to your website and social networks

* if you like to present us media and video works please provide us with the correct links inside your portfolio.

Please, specify **your name + residency program** (BONFIRE/ WALK & TALK) in the subject of the email and remember to clarify the residency your applying for in the case of BONFIRE and your two calendar options in the case of the WALK & TALK. Thanks for your interest!

Email your application (up to 10MB) to:

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