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BONFIRE is a 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.

bonfire residency

A six-week thematic program with a range of four to six 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.

Computer/tablet and a stable Internet connection will be indispensable. A high-quality device to document the possible works and process could be also very helpful.

we offer:

- Full program 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).
- Lectures by external invited guests on the theme of the residency in order to offer new insights.
- Peer-mentoring with former residents to enhance comradery and cooperation amongst the BONFIRE participants.
- 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 gallery on the BONFIRE website.
- Personal profile on the BONFIRE website including artist video and solo gallery.

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 in a safe space.

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.

residency fee

The residency fee is 330€.

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.

calendar

BONFIRE residencies
(6 weeks duration)

rites of passage: October 30th - December 11th, 2023

- * deadline: October 15th
- * calendar open to possible updates

As this is an ongoing open call, we will evaluate applications as they come in and will contact you via email whatever the final decision is. If you are selected, we will inform you of the next steps to follow.

application

Digital portfolio as a .pdf including:

- Personal details
- Short bio
- CV outlining your artistic experience
- Motivation letter
- Body of work
- 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.

Applications are free of charge.

Candidates will be informed via email of the status of their application. If you are selected, we will send you the corresponding letter of acceptance together with the participation contract and the introductory program to the residency.

Please, specify **your name + residency program** in the subject of the email and remember to clarify the residency you are applying for also in your application.
Thanks for your interest!

Email your application (up to 10MB) to:

info@bonfire-air.com

