



*Artkomas*



## CreArt OPEN CALL

### Artist in Residence in Kaunas/Lithuania 2016

Kaunas, Lithuania invites 4 artists from the CreArt Network to work for two weeks in Kaunas AiR in the period of June 19 - July 2, 2016.

#### CreArt Artist-in-Residence Kaunas 2016

Kaunas Artist-in-Residence program is a new initiative of CreArt, launched in 2014. CreArt Kaunas partners, PE "Artkomas", have a large experience of organizing visual arts projects, and short-term residencies in their city as well as other cities and towns of Lithuania. With their own focus on painting, "Artkomas" co-operates, however, with experts of other visual arts' fields (like Kaunas Photo Festival, Kaunas Vytautas Magnus University New Media Studies Department, etc.). Therefore we are able to offer necessary conditions for creation to painters, photographers, and new media artists, who would like to participate in this part of CreArt project.

#### ABOUT KAUNAS

Kaunas is the second largest city of Lithuania, with active cultural life. Situated in the valley of the confluence of the two longest rivers of Lithuania, the Nemunas and the Neris, the town itself became an example of a confluence of people and cultures, an attractive blend of architecture and nature. Although Kaunas is called the city of students and rich in cultural, sport, students' events, it is an important industrial and cultural city with a population of over 320.000.

#### ARTISTS ACCEPTED

4 visual artists (we can offer acceptable conditions for a painter, a photographer and a new media artist)

#### CONDITIONS

The organization will reimburse to artists travel expenses to Kaunas (up to 600 €). Accommodation is free. We will cover the costs of local travel from/ to Kaunas airport/ bus/ train station (reimburse by provided bus or train tickets, receipts, invoices, etc.), will provide the Artist with an open air place for work (or studio in the case of unfavorable weather conditions), will organize 3 (three) collective exhibitions of the Residency creations.

#### ACCOMODATION

In fully equipped flats, we will provide the Artist with catering (dinner and lunch).

#### STUDIO

The photo and video artists will be able to use the IT and photo lab of Art Center.

#### KAUNAS AiR PROGRAMME

\* Kaunas will provide an assistant to help with settling in the city (info about cultural institutions, events, useful places);

- \* Kaunas will organize introduction to the local artists' community (in the form of meetings, etc., where the artist has to make a presentation of his/her work and art);
- \* Kaunas will organize a meeting with local cultural operators and art experts (representatives of museums, galleries, art schools, art academy);
- \* Kaunas will make a final public presentation of the artworks created during the residency (a group exhibition of the 4 artists). The exhibition will be displayed in Kaunas, in co-operation with a local continuous art project. Kaunas will organize the exhibition opening ceremony, media, publicity;
- \* 1 artwork must remain for Kaunas city.

### WHO CAN APPLY

Local artists – born or resident – in any of the cities taking part in “CreArt. Network of Cities for Artistic Creation”. Preference is given to works with a wide variety and diversity. There is no age limitation, yet it is necessary to have a degree in a field of art (university level). If the applicant does not have a university degree, proof of equivalent ability must be provided through his or her artistic career. In a period of two weeks you will work towards a final public presentation.

### ARE YOU INTERESTED?

The Online Application form is available here: <http://creart-eu.org/application/short-term-artist-in-residence-by-artkomas-in-kaunas-2016>

The following attached documentation is required:

- ID or passport (scanned copy);
- A short version of your resume/CV;
- Documentation material recent and related to the project (not more than 5 pictures);
- A short written project proposal (not more than one A4).

Only applications with complete information will be accepted. It must be submitted before **February 1, 2016**.

Kaunas AiR is going to consider your application and will inform you **February 20, 2016**.

- CreArt is a collaboration between the 13 European cities: Arad/Romania, Kaunas/Lithuania, Genoa/Italy, Delft/the Netherlands, Harghita County/Romania, Valladolid/Spain, Aveiro/Portugal, Linz/Austria, Kristiansand/Norway, Lecce/Italy, Pardubice/Czech Republic, Zagreb/Croatia and Vilnius/Lithuania.



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