

## OPEN CALL FOR RESIDENCIES IN BILBAO OFFERED TO KURDISH & IRAQI ARTISTS. 2022

Deadline 10<sup>th</sup> April

The MA residency program offers artists the possibility of creating, collaborating, researching and acquiring socio-political knowledge and experiences in dialogue with other people and contexts. Any artist from Iraq and the Kurdistan region is eligible to apply. The residency program has a duration of two months and takes place in the city of Bilbao, Spain. The residency comprises accommodation, a studio and workshops at BilbaoArte Foundation as well as financial and technical support.

Before filling in the application form please read carefully the details and requirements of the open call. Should you have any questions please contact us at [hello@movingartists.org](mailto:hello@movingartists.org) and we will get back to you as soon as possible.

Moving Artists (MA) is an independent, artist-run, non-profit organisation based in Bilbao, Spain, since 2017. Working at the intersection of human rights and the arts, MA has a central idea and motivation: both in conflict or post- conflict situations, and during totalitarian regimes, contemporary art practice is an intangible heritage at risk of disappearance that must be protected.

Our organization is committed to facilitate the mobility of artists, art and cultural workers, in and out of areas enduring cultural isolation. The diversity of experiences earned by artists by way of these programs has a positive and direct impact in their education and generates our future patrimony. We defend the plurality of contemporaneities that may coexist, regardless of western criteria pertaining to artistic "quality" and "value". In that sense we seek to foster critical discourses and dialogue by offering artists logistical, conceptual and financial support in order to advance in the conceptualization and production of new artworks.

Artists from Iraq and the Kurdistan region:

The beneficiary artists will be given access to a studio at BilbaoArte Foundation. Located at the historical centre of the City of Bilbao, BilbaoArte is an artistic production centre belonging to the Cultural Department of the Bilbao City Council. BilbaoArte will provide the resident artists with technical support and access to all facilities, such as: a screen painting and etching workshop, a sculpture workshop, a medialab, editing, printing and new technologies, as well as a film and photography studio. You may find more

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information about BilbaoArte, as well as images, at their website: <https://bilbaoarte.org/the-center/galeria/?lang=en>

## **CALENDAR**

The deadline to apply for Iraqi and Kurdish artists is the 10th of April of 2022 (at 24:00).

- The selected artists (2) will be announced on the 16<sup>th</sup> of April 2022.
- The residency in Bilbao will begin on the 10<sup>th</sup> of June 2020 and will last up until the End the 10<sup>th</sup> of August 2020.

## **WHAT WE OFFER**

The selected artists will be offered:

- A two month residency in the city of Bilbao.
- All travel expenses covered and the safe arrangement of their journeys.
- 1.000 € of allowance.
- Accommodation in a shared apartment.
- A working space.
- Logistical support.
- Critical dialogue and conceptual support.
- A network of contacts to facilitate the immersion in the local context and the development of their work.

## **APPLICATION REQUIREMENTS**

To be eligible for this residency you need:

- To be a natural person.
- To be an adult (over 18 years old).
- To hold a passport from Iraq or the Kurdistan region in Iraq.
- To have developed or be developing artistic projects in the field of contemporary art or to assert your willfulness to do so.
- Be able to fluently communicate in English.
- To submit the requested documentation and the filled in registration form.

## **PROJECT REQUIREMENTS**

As an organisation based in Europe, we understand that our concept of contemporaneity is swayed by western worldviews. The main purpose of these exchanges is to generate interlocution and mutual learning to

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commonly work towards protecting and generating contemporary art practice in contexts of conflict or post-conflict, situations which usually force local cultural workers to flee the area and cease their practice. For these reasons, the Jury will especially value those projects that strive for collaboration, interrelation and immersion in the local context, regardless of the degree of development or production of the works attained.

The resolution will be made based on the following criteria:

- The coherence of the career of the candidate in relation to the proposed project.
- The attunement of the proposal to the lines of research, principles and program of Moving Artists.
- The feasibility of the project, particularly with regards to the resources of Moving Artists.
- The public scope of the project.
- The local connection with other artists, cultural producers or people.
- The artistic, technical and conceptual impact of the proposal.

## **APPLICATION FORM & DOCUMENTATION**

To apply for the residency it is mandatory to fill in the form on the website: [www.movingartists.org](http://www.movingartists.org), and to attach the following information in PDF format: (Unfortunately, only applications written in English can be accepted)

1. An updated Curriculum Vitae (1 page maximum).
2. Which are your artistic skills as well as your interest areas.
3. The project you would like to develop while you are in Bilbao
4. What local community, associations, or group of persons is your project linked to.
5. Only in case you are selected you will provide a copy of your passport.



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## **JURY**

The selection of the projects will be realised by a mixed jury formed by 2 art professionals and a member of Moving Artists, who will make the decision unanimously.

## **PARTICIPATION REQUIREMENTS**

1. The selected artists must notify their acceptance within 7 business days as of the day the resolution is made public.
2. The artists taking part in the residency program are required to accept the following conditions: To participate in public presentations when Moving Artists requests to do so, the format of which will be devised by the organization, notwithstanding that the author is consulted.
  - a. To participate in different media events through the channels.
  - b. That Moving Artists deems appropriate.
  - c. To grant permission to use images of the residents themselves or of their work, with the sole purpose of promoting the residency program.
  - d. To perform an artistic residence in Bilbao between 10th June and 10th August of 2022 within the conditions here described, maintaining an educated and respectful conduct with the people and customs of the place of residence.
  - e. To respect the legal visa requirements established by the Spanish Government.
3. The participation in this open call entails the acceptance of these rules and conditions, as well as the express submission of the participants to the decisions that Moving Artists adopts interpreting them. In case of contravention of the same, Moving Artists reserves the right to cancel or suspend the residence.
4. Throughout our processes and evaluation we take on a critical perspective to welcome and support gender diversity and identity, as well as consideration for any affective-sexual orientation or configuration that respects people's rights.



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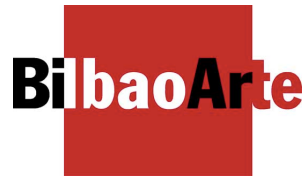
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