

## OPEN CALL FOR RESIDENCIES IN BILBAO KURDISH & IRAQI ARTISTS 2024

Deadline: 30th of May, 2024

### INTRODUCTION

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 economic and technical support.

**Before you fill 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 organization 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 economic support in order to advance in the conceptualization and production of new artworks.

### Artists from Iraq and the Kurdistan region:

The beneficiary artist 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 center belonging to the Cultural Department of the Bilbao City Council. BilbaoArte will provide the resident artist 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 information about BilbaoArte, as well as images, at their website: [www.bilbaoarte.eus](http://www.bilbaoarte.eus)

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## CALENDAR

- The deadline to apply for Iraqi and Kurdish artists is the 30th of May 2024 (24:00 GMT).
- The selected artists will be announced on the 5th of June 2024, on our website and he/she will also receive an email from us.
- The residency in Bilbao will begin on the 1st of October 2024 and will last up until the 30th of November 2024 (two months).

## WHAT WE OFFER

The selected artist will be offered:

- Two month residency in the city of Bilbao.
- All travel expenses covered and the safe arrangement of their journeys.
- A temporary Schengen visa for the residency.
- 1.500 € of allowance and production costs.
- 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 valid 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 wilfulness to do so.
- Be able to **fluently communicate in English**.
- To submit the requested documentation and fill in the registration form.



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## PROJECT REQUIREMENTS

As an organization 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 work commonly 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 concerning 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 is mandatory to send an email [hello@movingartists.org](mailto:hello@movingartists.org) with the following information in PDF format (max. 25 Mb). Unfortunately, only applications written in English can be accepted.

1. An updated Curriculum Vitae (1page maximum).
2. A pdf including text and images of your previous work and explaining the project you would like to develop while you are in Bilbao. Please specify with what associations, local community, or group of persons from the city of Bilbao you would like to collaborate in order to develop your project (max 3 pages including images).
3. Only in case you are selected you will provide a copy of your passport.

## JURY

A mixed jury formed by two members of Sulyon and two members of Moving Artists, who will make the decision unanimously, will realize the selection of the projects.

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## PARTICIPATION REQUIREMENTS

1. The selected artist must notify his/her acceptance within seven business days as of the day the resolution is made public.
2. The artist taking part in the residency program is 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.
  - To participate in different media events through the channels that Moving Artists deems appropriate.
  - To grant permission to use images of the resident him/herself or of his/her work, with the sole purpose of promoting the residency program.
  - To perform an artistic residence in Bilbao between October and November of 2024 within the conditions here described, maintaining an educated and respectful conduct with the people and customs of the place of residence.
  - To respect the legal visa requirements established by the Spanish Government, and coming back to your original country of residence end of the two month residency in Bilbao, using the flights arranged by Moving Artists prior to the beginning of the residency.
3. The participation in this open call entails the acceptance of these rules and conditions, as well as the express submission of the participant 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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