

## Co-net\_ and Imaginaria Art Residency

#### I) Introduction:

Co-net\_ in partnership with Imaginaria Photography Art Festival and in collaboration with University Jaume I, Consorcio de Museos of Comunidad Valenciana and the UAL Post-Grad Community at UAL (University of Arts of London) would like to introduce to you the second edition of their art residency with a focus on still and/or moving image.

**Co-net\_** is a cultural and artistic platform hosting seminars, workshops, lectures and residencies for international art lovers in the Valencia area in Spain. Co-net's mission is to create a dynamic and collaborative community by bringing together artists amongst them and linking them up with international cultural organizations and institutions.

**Imaginaria Photography Art Festival** is based in the city of Castellon. The goal of Imaginaria is the dissemination of culture and photography in particular, as well as helping to spread the work of artists at the local level.

In 2019, the festival will take place from the *3d of May until the 9<sup>th</sup> of June*. Imaginaria festival has been active in the art scene for the past 16 years. Managed by the University Jaume I Social and cultural activities services and the Photography Aula, has taken on board an increasing number of institutions, collectives, creatives and artists which have all collaborated to the success of the University Jaume I and its third parties. Artists such as Chema Madoz, Ouka Leele, Javier Compano, Pilar Pequeño, Luis Baylon, Juan Manuel Díaz Burgos, Cristóbal Hara, Tuca Vieria have been exhibited at the Imaginaria festival.

The festival is thriving to encourage individual cultural initiatives to further the conversation about the contemporary art landscape. Imaginaria is a cultural umbrella for activities such as Sonda visual in Vila-real, el Dipcasphoto in Castellon, FotoMayo in Segorbe, Canet Crea, IKONIK Project, and Co-net\_.

In the 2018 edition of the festival, more than 50 different activities such as exhibitions, screenings, conferences, workshops, and talks have been organized. These have enabled to give a creative dynamism to the photographic medium in the East of Spain.

#### II) Application and selection

Co-net\_ welcomes applications from practicing artists focussing on still and/or moving images. This focus should be interpreted in its broadest sense and we encourage applicants to push their interpretation of the theme to new extents.

Our selection committee composed by members of Co-net\_ and Imaginaria will review applications and will look at their quality but also their originality and their potential development. The proposal should highlight the applicant's interest in the local province of Castellón and why the residency would be beneficial for their artistic career.

#### III) What will we offer to artists in residence?

From the 29<sup>th</sup> of April until the 15<sup>th</sup> of May Co-net\_ and Imaginaria Art Residency program will provide two international artists and one University of Arts of London postgraduate student or alumni with the opportunity to develop their artistic practice within the Comunidad Valenciana supporting them with:

- Artists will have access to use Universitat Jaume I facilities, like computers or photo, video or audio labs, during certain hours a day.
- Artists will have access to a 500€ stipend to be paid at the end of the residency covering material costs as well as living costs.
- A budget of maximum 100€ will be covering transport to and out of Castellón.
- Artists will be provided with an accommodation space.
- Cultural activities planned throughout the residency. These will include activities such as galleries, museums, local artists' studio visits.
- The residency will provide with a group facilitator. Our staff is dedicated to the successful development of artists within the residency.
- Co-net will as well give the opportunity to at least one artist to exhibit their work during the 2020 edition of the Imaginaria festival. Note that all the work developed during the 2019 Co-net\_ residency will be showcased at least in a video format during a special event at this year's festival edition.

### IV) What is expected from successful applicants?

- A good level of English, for good communication of the group.
- Co-net is asking each successful applicant to prepare an hour lecture or workshop in English or Spanish at the University Jaume I. The proposed lecture or workshop should revolve around the artist's area of expertise or artistic interest related to the project proposal.
- We will be asking residents to sign a consent form enabling Co-net\_ and its collaborators to take and keep photographs and videos for promotional material.
- Collaborate with students from the University Jaume I. Sharing knowledge and interests are key to the well being of the residency (in case it is needed.)
- It is mandatory to take part in all scheduled activities.

### V) How to apply?

#### Application deadline is on the 28th of February.

Please send to <a href="mailto:conet.residency@gmail.com">conet.residency@gmail.com</a> in a combined PDF (max 10MB) file your application. We are asking you to title the later document following this given example: <a href="mailto:Lastname-Firstname-application-conetresidency">Lastname-Firstname-application-conetresidency</a> and title your email subject following this same example.

For your application, you should include the following information in the same order:

- a) Contact information: Last and first names, telephone number, email, website (if you do have one) and social media.
- b) A copy of your passport
- c) A summary of your artistic CV (maximum 2 pages)
- d) An artist statement (maximum 300 words)
- e) A motivation letter, tell us why you would like to take part in this residency specifically and what are you planning to develop during these 15 days (maximum 500 words)
- f) A selection of 10 images illustrating your current work (these can be pictures of your work in progress that you'd like to explore further during the residency). Please for each work indicate the date and size. For videos please include a link to either Vimeo or Youtube and provide us with the access code if the video has a restricted viewing. Make sure all images are of good quality.

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Successful applicants will be notified by phone or email by mid-March. A video call or phone call will be required previously the final acceptation.

We are looking forward to discovering your projects.

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