

Open Call for visual artist in Tokyo to Helsinki, Finland

Youkobo Art Space (Tokyo, Japan) in cooperation with the Finnish Artist Studio Foundation (FASF, Helsinki, Finland) invites artist from Tokyo, Japan to apply for two months residency in Helsinki, Finland.

Application deadline: November 30, 2017

In order to facilitate the comparison of different artistic viewpoints, promote the establishment of durable ties between Japanese and Finnish artists and thus foster artistic and creative development, intended to pursue an artist and studio-exchange program in the visual arts between Japan and Finland. In cooperation with FASF and Youkobo Art Space are announcing an open call for Japanese artists:

Date of residency: May 1 to June 30, 2018

Number of participant: 1

Requirements of the applicant:

- Japanese artist living and working in Tokyo, Japan.
- Must be over 25 years of age.
- Good command of English, spoken and written.

Residency in Finland:

In 2018 the resident artist will live and work in the Project Studio Artsu in Helsinki Finland. The studio is located in Arabianranta. This residential part of Helsinki is known for its public art works (1% of the building investments of individual sites were used for works of art) and its communal spirit. The district is easily accessible by bus and trams, it takes around 15 minutes to get to the city centre. Also several educational art institutes are located in the area.

The project studio Artsu is located in an old industrial building, on the 7th floor. On the same floor, there are eight other artist studios rented for local visual artists. The Project Studio Artsu will be in private use of the resident artist. The studio, including an own kitchenette and a bathroom, has a total area of 47 m², it is 2,85 meters high and east-facing. The living conditions are simple, there is a sofa bed, working table, chairs and a wireless internet connection in the studio. The studio is equipped with kitchenware, bedding and towels. There is also a bicycle which can be borrowed. Note! There is no washing machine in the studio.

The rent of the residence is 800 euros per month and it includes a combined accommodation and studio space. The residency is mainly self-directed. The Foundation offers practical assistance and networks. The artists are encouraged to engage in a small-scale public event (work-in-progress presentation at the studio etc.) during the residency, this is not, however, compulsory.

The residency is maintained by the Finnish Artists' Studio Foundation. The purpose of the Foundation, established in 1990, is to improve the working conditions of visual artists by maintaining and acquiring work facilities and residential studios. Overall, the Foundation has 300 artist tenants in Finland. The Foundation has had an international residency programme since year 1997.

What Youkobo and FASF demand:

- Searching for artist from Japan/Finland who is open to collaborate with local artists.
- Only individuals are eligible to apply for the residency.
- One presentation during the residency and final presentation/exhibition at the end of the residency.

What Youkobo provides

- Cost for AIR activities in Finland, such as studio and accommodation, art material cost, living expenses. (300,000 JPY)
- Travel costs maximum 150,000JPY
- PR

What FASF provides

- Two month residency in Helsinki, Finland (May 1 - June 30, 2018)
- Provide professional supervision for the Japanese guest artist
- Foster contacts between the Japanese Artist and Finnish professionals
- Production and PR

Applications including your portfolio with works, motivation, Curriculum Vitae with basic information (Name,Address, Email, Website).

Select the final Japanese candidate for the residency at Finland by FASF after the preselection by Youkobo.

The Result will announce mid December 2017 to all of applicants from Youkobo.

About host organization :

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