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## Open call for artworks

### YOUNG ARCTIC ARTISTS 2016

'Young Arctic Artists 2016' exhibition promotes emerging contemporary art from northern areas of Finland, Sweden, Norway, Denmark and Iceland. Exhibition will take place in Gallery Napa and Mustanapa (Rovaniemi, Finland) 4.11-23.11.2016.

Exhibition is managed by Artists' Association of Lapland and co-curated by artist-producers Pilvi Keto-LeBlanc (Finland) and Lys-Ange LeBlanc (Canada/Finland). Under thematic umbrella of 'Home', Young Arctic Artists now invites proposals for works and projects for its 2016 edition. **Deadline for applications is 20th of May 2016.**

Young Arctic Artists 2016 is the first of three international exhibitions organized in Rovaniemi between years 2016-2018 promoting emerging artists working in the arctic. The aim of this exhibition series project is to map out the scene of young contemporary art in the selected northern geographic area, advance its visibility and to create new networking possibilities and information database for artists, curators and other creative professionals.

Each exhibition is managed by Artists' Association of Lapland and curated by different emerging curators or curatorial teams. One catalog that presents all three exhibitions, will be created at the end of the project.

Project is funded by the Nordic Culture Fund, The Arts Promotion Centre Finland - The Regional Office of Lapland, and the Artists' Association of Lapland.

#### **Thematic call: Home**

Young Arctic Artists 2016 invites artists to investigate the idea of 'home' in human experience of our time and in all of its aspects – socially, politically, existentially, philosophically, sensorily, technologically and scientifically.



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A sense of home is perhaps an ambiguous and subjective concept, an utopia of a safe place where one can be completely oneself – at home.

It's a place and a non-place, a space defined by ideas, feelings and history, a material manifestation of identity. As a melting point of personal geography, hopes, fears and dreams, home can tell an intimate story of it's inhabitant existing within global movement, in a world in constant change.

## **Information and conditions**

### **Who can submit?**

All visual and cross-disciplinary artist and artist groups under age of 35 currently living in Lapland (Finland), Norrbotten (Sweden), Troms (Norway), Nordland (Norway), Finnmark (Norway), Svalbard (Norway), Faroe Island (Denmark) and Iceland, are welcome to submit existing works or project proposals to the exhibition. Submitted works or project proposals should be created not earlier than 2014.

### **What to submit?**

We accept visual and cross-disciplinary art projects of all mediums including media-arts, photography, creative writing and cinema. Artworks can be sent, brought or built on site. Since we are open to present some works outside the gallery context and with temporal variety, proposals of site-specific works and performances are also welcome.

### **How to submit?**

Works or project proposals, CV and receipt of payed submission fee of 10 € should be sent in digital form to email address **youngarcticartists@gmail.com** by 20th of May 2016.

Submission fee of 10 € must be paid to the account of the Artists' Association of Lapland (Lapin taiteilijaseura ry), FI1356400240106877, BIC OKOYFIHH (Bank Pohjolan osuuspankki, address. Koskikatu 12, 96200 Rovaniemi, Finland). Use the reference Young Arctic Artists in the payment.



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## **Participants**

Approximately 5-7 artists will be selected for the exhibition in Gallery Napa and Studio Mustanapa and depending on the applications, to site specific spaces in Rovaniemi. In addition, an online gallery that presents wider selection of artists will be created.

**Selection of the artists will be announced 15th of June 2016 via personal email.**

## **Travel and accommodation**

A roundtrip travel to Rovaniemi will be organized and payed by the project for selected artists. Artists must negotiate the way of traveling with the organizer. **People applying from Finland, Sweden and Norway please specify in your application if you have a possibility to come with a car and if you could bring the artworks with you.** This will help us to calculate the budget of the project.

Accommodation will take place in local artists' homes. Food will be provided in Gallery Napa during installation, seminar and opening days.

## **Compensation**

Selected artists will get daily allowance of 40€/day for four days stay in Rovaniemi.

## **Timetable for staying in Rovaniemi**

Selected artists are invited to stay in Rovaniemi from 1st to 5th of November 2016 (three full days + arrival and departure days).

1th of November: Arrival to Rovaniemi

2th of November: Installing and/or building of artworks

3th of November: Installing and/or building of artworks

4th of November: Networking meeting and exhibition opening in Gallery Napa

5th of November: Departure from Rovaniemi



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### **Networking meeting**

In addition to the exhibition, Young Arctic Artists 2016 will host a networking meeting in Rovaniemi for the selected artists and the local artist community. More information will be provided by the time of the artist selection.

### **Transportation of artworks**

Expenses for artwork transports can be covered by the project if needed. Artists must negotiate the logistics with the organizer.

### **Insurances**

As individuals, the participants take part in the exhibition at their own risk. Please ensure that you have organized adequate insurance cover for yourself. Artworks presented in Gallery Napa are not insured, but looked after by the gallerist.

### **Sales**

The artworks presented in the exhibition can be for sale. The Artists' Association of Lapland is responsible for invoicing for sales. The commission fee for the Gallery is 20% of the sale price of works excluding VAT. The commission shall be deducted from the sales income to be paid to the Artist.

### **Gallery space**

The exhibition will take place in two gallery spaces located in the same building.

Gallery Napa: floor space about 90 m<sup>2</sup>. Has big windows, natural light and movable walls in addition to fixed walls. Ground plan of the gallery is found in the attachments.

Gallery Mustanapa: Size: 190 cm X 360 cm. Suitable mainly for video, media-art and installations.

More information:

<http://www.lapintaiteilijaseura.fi/en/gallery-napa/spaces/>



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## **Tools and materials**

Basic tools for installing and building artworks are provided by gallery Napa. For video works we have projector (Epson EH-TW6600 Full HD 2D- and 3D-projector, dvd-player, mediaplayer, screen television and speakers.

If you need more specific tools that you can't transport with you, please specify them in your application and we'll try to find a solution.

Materials for making the artwork itself are covered by the artist. If you'll build something on site please specify it in the application and we'll help you to find the materials from Rovaniemi.

## **Contact information**

### **Artists' association of Lapland**

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