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## Open call for artworks

### YOUNG ARCTIC ARTISTS 2017

'Young Arctic Artists 2017' exhibition promotes emerging contemporary art from northern areas of Finland, Sweden, Norway, Russia, Iceland, Faroe Island and Greenland. Exhibition will take place in Gallery Napa and Mustanapa (Rovaniemi, Finland) 28.10.2017 - 15.11.2017 and in an addition, a special screening of video works will be held in Ekkisens Gallery (Reykjavik, Iceland). Other events and locations related to exhibition will be announced later.

Exhibition is managed by Artists' Association of Lapland and co-curated by artist-producers Pilvi Keto-LeBlanc (Finland), Lys-Ange LeBlanc (Canada/Finland) and Freyja Eilif (Iceland). Under thematic umbrella of 'Alien Threshold', Young Arctic Artists now invites proposals for works and projects for its 2017 edition. **Deadline for applications is 31st of May 2017.**

Young Arctic Artists 2017 is the second of three international exhibition and network platform organized in Rovaniemi, Finland and other locations 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.

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: Alien threshold**

This year Young Arctic Artists exhibition invites artists to investigate the paradigm of contemporary human alienation and experiences in all of its aspects – personal, social, political, existential, philosophical, sensorial, technological, ecological and scientific.



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As the permeable membrane, life transcend from one body to another and within oneself lies our own reflection, an awareness that lives consciously and unconsciously, collectively - yet alone.

Alien threshold is a zone of infinite dichotomies where all possible odds exist, but inevitably become negotiated into phenomena's we can understand, categorize, accept and control. As a shadow of the status quo, the alienated shapes the depth of society by concealing its current reflection and full potential both in contentment and in terror.

As emerging artists of the Arctic areas, we ask you to use your creative artistic process to explore what alienation is or isn't in a world where you are negotiating it's terms. Welcome to Alien Threshold, the next step is \_\_\_\_\_.

## **Information and conditions**

### **Who can submit?**

All visual and cross-disciplinary artist and artist groups age of 35 and under currently living and working in Lapland and Northern Ostrobothnia (Finland), North Bothnia and West Bothnia (Sweden), Troms, Nordland, Finnmark, Svalbard (Norway), Faroe Island, Greenland and Iceland, are welcome to submit existing works or project proposals to the exhibition. Submitted works or project proposals shouldn't be created earlier than 2015.

For Russian artists: We are still waiting for Russian collaboration funding. If the funding is successful, we will open an additional open call for Russian artists.

### **What to submit?**

We accept visual and cross-disciplinary art projects of all mediums including also creative writing, cinema, science art etc. 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 for Young Arctic Artists 2017, CV and portfolio or website demonstrating selection of previous works should be sent in digital form to email address [youngarcticartists@gmail.com](mailto:youngarcticartists@gmail.com) by 31st of May 2017.



## Participants

Approximately 5 artists will be selected for the exhibition in Gallery Napa and Studio Mustanapa. Depending on the applications, we might select site specific works to be exhibited in the city and surroundings of Rovaniemi. In addition, a screening of selected video works will be held in Ekkisens, Reykjavik, and in Gallery Napa.

**Selection of the artists will be announced 30th of June 2017 via personal email.**

## Travel and accommodation

A roundtrip travel to Rovaniemi will be organized and payed by the project for selected artists who will exhibit in Gallery Napa. 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.

Unfortunately, the artists whose work is selected to video screenings only, can't be paid travel or other compensations due to budgetary reasons. We will inform the selected participants if the situation changes since we are still waiting for answer for some funds.

**Important Notice to all the selected artists:** We can offer you an official letter of invitation if you want to apply travel or project funding from your country of origin. This way you might be able to get your personal travel costs covered even if you participate only in the video screening and want to travel to Rovaniemi or Reykjavik.

## Compensation

Selected artists who will exhibit in Gallery Napa will get daily allowance of 40€/day for five days stay in Rovaniemi.

## Timetable for staying in Rovaniemi

Selected artists are invited to stay in Rovaniemi from 24th to 29th of October 2017 (4 full days + arrival and departure days).



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24th of October: Arrival to Rovaniemi

25th of October: Installing and/or building of artworks

26th of October: Installing and/or building of artworks, networking evening with local creative community

27th of October: Finalizing installation of artworks, exhibition opening

28th of October: Possibly a small seminar/artist talks about the topic 'Alienation', wrap up discussion amongst participants, sauna evening

29<sup>th</sup> of October: Departure from Rovaniemi

*Program is subject to changes*

## **Networking evening**

In addition to the exhibition, Young Arctic Artists 2017 will host a networking meeting in Rovaniemi for the selected artists and the local artist community. More information will be provided closer to the exhibition.

## **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.

## **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), blue ray media player with usb, dvd-player, 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



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Rovaniemi. We have small budget for specific materials for installing the works to the gallery or other appropriate space (site specific works).

## **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 Napa 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/>

## **Contact information**

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