

OPEN CALL: YOUNG TALENTS

OBJECTIVE

BA&DF is a leading fair for Belgian art and design taking place at Arsenaal, Gentbrugge from 19 to 22 October 2023. BA&DF aims to be a unique, idiosyncratic platform for Belgian art and design.

Through three open calls, BA&DF gives young artists and designers a chance to show their work. The works will be shown at the fair but will also be included in BA&DF's social media channels, website, and programme.

Three candidates will also receive additional visibility, they will be promoted by [Different Class](#) through social media, video, and interviews.

THEME

This open call for short video works revolves around the theme of [transformation](#), which is closely related to the core of creation: introducing new ideas and forms, the evolution from the current state of affairs to the next (just as the Arsenaal site, where BA&DF takes place, is currently in a state of transformation).

“When creating, one is introducing new ideas and forms, and thus “evolving” the current state of things. In this sense, the act of creating is an evolving transformation. It’s a process that changes the current state of things and brings a new one.”

FOR WHOM?

- You are an artist or designer
- You are in your final year of studies or have graduated no longer than 5 years ago
- You study or work in Belgium

FORMAT

The participating artists or designers have complete freedom in terms of shape, material, style and dimensions. We are looking for both two- and three-dimensional work, it may be old or new, existing, or adapted, even a ‘work in progress’.

HOW TO PARTICIPATE?

- Register via www.ba-df.be/youngtalent
- Enter your name, the date and title of your work, and your study programme or discipline if applicable.
- You will then receive a code for digital submission.
- Send a digital file containing images and an explanation of your work(s). Also send a short description along to content@ba-df.be with the subject line YOUNG TALENT.
- The deadline for submitting your work(s) is 15 July 2023.
- Want to submit more works? This is possible. In that case you will receive multiple codes.

SELECTION

- A maximum of 10 works will be chosen. Three top candidates will receive an extra prominent place.
- The curators of BA&DF will act as jury.
- Candidates will be selected based on the work submitted.
- Each work will be judged based on authenticity, the link to the theme of transformation, topicality, and technical mastery.
- Multiple works are allowed if each is accompanied by a dossier.
- The selection process will be completely anonymous.

WHO ARE THE CURATORS - JURY MEMBERS?

- Wim Lambrecht, head of LUCA School of ARTS campus Sint-Lucas Visual Arts Ghent.
- Han Decorte, Master in Visual Arts Sint-Lucas Ghent / Master in Contextual Design at Design Academy Eindhoven / Guest lecturer product design and visual arts / Curator visual arts, design and heritage.
- Marie Mees: Textile Designer, Master mentor LUCA School of Arts, Campus Sint-Lucas Ghent (2008-2022).

RULES

- You are responsible for delivery and collection of your work .
- BA&DF will take 30% of the sales price in case your work is sold at the fair.

QUESTIONS ABOUT THIS OPEN CALL?

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