

Borderline Offensive: CALL TO ARMS FOR ARTISTS

DEADLINE: 14 FEBRUARY 2018 12:03PM CET

NOTICE ON SELECTION: 9 MARCH 2018

Disclaimer: these call contains dangerous/ambiguous humor. Follow the smiley faces when in doubt/offended. :D

Borderline Offensive (2017-2020) is a partnership of 12 countries in Europe and the Middle East, using humor and art to mediate intercultural dialogue and tackle societal challenges as framed by the so-called xenophobia/populism/migrant crisis. Applying artists are invited to join us in a 3-year artistic research & societal development process:

April-August 2018

- To be part of an artistic residency for 10 working days, with 3 other artists;
- In Sweden, Serbia, Netherlands, Bulgaria or Slovakia (as host or guest);
- Free time for research, creation and inspiration;

As part of residency programme:

- Design artistic workshops instigating dialogue between migrant/refugee and host communities (2 days)
- Peer-learning with local artistic community/public (1 day);
- Conceive an artwork in preferred discipline/genre, imbued with humor aesthetics' elements (gallow's humor, parody, satire, sarcasm, irony, slapstick, etc.);

September 2018

- Deliver an artwork proposal for potential production and international touring.

During 2019

- International touring of the produced artworks, a minimum of 3 occasions in 3 different European countries;

During 2020

- Presentation of artwork + process in international conference in Sweden;

What We Seek:

- 20 Artists (all disciplines, career stages, tribal ideologies), with interest in humor aesthetics (NB: \neq comedy), intercultural dialogue, participatory art practices and art-based societal development;
- 19 out of 20 applicants are locally based in Sweden, Serbia, Netherlands, Bulgaria, Slovakia, Lebanon, Palestine, Turkey, Syria (any national origin);
- 1 out of 20 applicants may represent any all country, nationality and legal status (as relevant to project topics, preferably MENA);
- With ambition to, with no time or money, solve complex global issues which politicians, researchers, capitalists and slacktivists haven't solved with pornographic[1] amounts of opportunity and resources;
- A peculiar sense of humor helps, but won't save you or us from global catastrophe and mutual assured destruction[2];

[1] the European Commission sees what we did here

[2] a joke (or is it?)

What We Offer:

- Fully covered travel and accommodation;
- Per diem for 10 days + Stipend, in line with EACEA's max. daily rates per country*
- Seed budget for artwork production (upon approval of proposal, up to 3.000€ by residency);
- Travel, accommodation, and stipend for presentation/performance of artwork in 3 other European countries in 2019;
- Travel, accommodation, and per diem covered for public presentation of artwork in international conference in 2020;
- Promotion of Artwork and artist via project's portfolio, shared across Europe for further performance/presentation opportunities during 2019-2020;

* Calculate how much you might receive:

Money Table

How to Apply:

- Read/(pretend you read) the Call Details, for more info about local context, the residency, your role, budget, selection criteria, and how to apply.
- Fill in a single online form, with basic information, CV/portfolio and some (short) creative writing
- You have more questions, inquiries, insults, fire away to contact (at) borderlineoffensive.eu

Apply Now

What the FAQ?