

International ART Exhibition

ART-MAP.2017.BRAGA

Thinking Baroque

Exhibition Dates: July 21 - September 9, 2017

Applications open until May 10, 2017.



Dear artists, ART-MAP and the Municipality of Braga have all the pleasure to announce the start of the third edition of ART-MAP project, "Thinking Baroque". Braga, beautiful baroque city invites contemporary artists to imagine, to get inspired and to exhibit in remarkable buildings of the downtown. From 21th of July to 9th of September ART-MAP will occupy nine galleries in the center of Braga with contemporary art. The event will have a printed catalog. During the exhibition period there will be several artistic residencies, conferences and public presentations for the best promotion of the artworks and the authors. The artist's contacts will be available in the galleries and in the catalog; visitors interested in acquiring the artworks will be able to contact the artists directly.

The ART-MAP will include such landmark places as the famous Palácio do Raio, Museum of the Image, Gallery of the Station, INATEL Building, Centésima Página (creative bookstore), Gallery of the Library Lúcio Craveiro, Pópulo Building (City Hall) corridor and Gallery of Maestro Alberto Vieira. These authentic historic buildings, testimonies of original Portuguese Baroque now welcome contemporary art. The ample gallery spaces of Braga allow exposing large installations, interactive works, projections, and, if needed, to create dark rooms, etc. All spaces will have insurance. Nine spacious exhibition venues are available, with rooms suitable for the installation of different works of art, there is also several protected outdoor gardens. All galleries are in historic heritage buildings in the center of Braga and about 3 minutes walking distance between them.

The theme of the exhibition proposes artists to "Think Baroque". ART-MAP proposes to reflect, how the principles of the Baroque (abundance, contrasts, visual illusions, occupation of space, effects of the transformation of space, effects of light and shadow, ornaments, elaboration, asymmetry, dynamism, magnificence and enhanced emotionality) may be explored in the concepts of contemporary art. We look forward to show your impressive artworks that could evoke a nostalgia for baroque through modern languages and expressions. We are inviting artworks that interact with space, experiment with materials, mix imagination with knowledge,

summon emotions, seduce with virtuosity of technique, inspire; communicate through contemporary, smart, cosmopolitan and humorous languages. The artists are encouraged to reflect on how space can be challenged by the artwork, transformed, and experienced; how the past styles provide the tools to exploration in the contemporary art.

All national and foreign artists can apply for Braga 2017, with no CV restrictions. Artists who participated in previous editions are also admissible. We will select up to 60 artists for this Show. The criteria for choosing the works for the exhibition will be the technical quality and relevance to the theme of the exhibition, "Thinking Baroque". The primary issue of the curatorial work will be to create the best conditions for the exhibition of each selected artwork and articulation of the narrative of the exhibition within the proposed theme.

Theme: "Thinking Baroque"

Suggested Topics for your inspiration:

Baroque and contemporary, blend of styles

Miracle of absurd

Baroque in the digital age

Migrations and discoveries

The other worlds

Living art

Light and shadow

Contrasts

Illusion of the present

Nostalgia for the future

Monumental constructions

Abundance and misery

By seeing I believe

Decadency

You can also consult the text: [HERE](#)

Categories: Installation, Painting, Sculpture, Photography, Digital Art, Ceramics, Poetry, Video Art, Artist's Book, Textile Art and Public Art are Accepted. Performative, Musical and Sound artworks are also accepted this year.

ART-MAP 2017 Accepts applications for:

1. Solo artworks (max. 3 artworks)
2. Series of author's works connected by a particular concept (send 3 examples of the works from this collection, and in the field "artist statement" please indicate the name of the collection, date and quantity of the works that constitute it)
3. Projects of artistic installations / interventions to be carried out in the spaces (send the description of your project together with 3 examples of the previous works)
4. Communications / conference proposals (send your data and a synopsis of the communication in pdf format)

5. Proposals for performative and musical works (please provide a description note, duration, conditions for the presentation and necessary equipment, and a link to watch / listen online)

The online submission deadline is on May 10, 2017. Submission is free. Artists can submit up to three examples of works. During the selection process, your web pages will be consulted and, in some cases, other available works may be requested. All submitting artists will be featured at the ART-MAP online gallery and will be promoted internationally.

Important dates:

March, 1st – May 10th – applications are open

May 30th – notification of selection results by electronic mail

June 10th – July 1st - reception of artworks in Braga

July 21st – Inauguration in Braga

September 9th – Presentation of the Catalog in Braga, finish of the exhibition.

Braga is one of the best destinations for cultural tourism in Portugal, a “must visit place”, culturally ancient, demographically young. It is a lively city full of events, festivals, traditions and animation. The medieval squares and streets of Braga, depending on the time of the day, open the doors to the numerous businesses; the shade of the cafes invites at the siesta time, at night light and entertainment is all around, ceremonies and street theaters happen on holidays, and much more, but always with a good taste. Palaces and towers, churches and convents, built throughout history and perfectly preserved, besides impressing with art of the Baroque architects, regularly host exhibitions, festivals and show films. You can find any program from organ festival to electronic music, from conventional to experimental, but always with quality. Exhibiting here is a beautiful pretext to visit and get inspired by the soul of Braga!