

# OPEN

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INTERNATIONAL ENCOUNTER

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# OPEN PORTFOLIO FIG 2020

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**EXTENDED  
DATE**  
**26/27  
JUNE  
2020**

Continuous session of new artists and Contemporary graphic art works which helps to reconsider spaces and promotes new ideas; an inspiring area that breaks schemas and makes develop ideas, concepts...

After an international selection made by a public call, there will be 3 meetings throughout 2020 where the artistic activity of emerging creators is supported, providing a forum and a meeting place for experimentation and knowledge.

All of this is possible through an exhibition program where artists meet. Otherwise, they would not have the opportunity to show their work in a professional environment.

## GENERAL AIMS

On the occasion of FIG Bilbao 2020, Printmaking and Art on Paper International Fair, it is made the call for the sixth edition of OPEN PORTFOLIO, with the firm intention to give visibility, support, disseminate and promote emerging artistic practices in the field of unique edition works on Paper.

The purpose and philosophy of Open Portfolio is defined as a promotion, dissemination and professionalization platform for those emerging artists, and also contemporary art forms, in the field of unique edition works on Paper.

It is conceived as a tool to establish the necessary connexion between educational level and professional practice of art.



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## OPEN CALLS

### • EXTENDED DATE / JUNE 26/27

Due to the current health crisis, the date of the first Open call is changed to June, in case it cannot be held on that date by the virus Covid19 would join the October call.

The day will consist of an exhibition with the presence of artists. Each one will have a 2x3m wall and a 3x1m table to show his work.

LOCATION: Ensanche Building. Bilbao  
SCHEDULE:

#### Day 26<sup>th</sup>:

9.00 -14.00 Set up exhibition

17.00 Projects presentation

#### Day 27<sup>th</sup>: FIG Open Portfolio Day

### • SECOND CALL. 2/3 OCTOBER

### • FINAL PHASE. NOVEMBER 21<sup>th</sup> 2020

Eight artists selected from the calls of May and September will exhibit their work at FIG Bilbao Fair Place: Euskalduna Palace.

THE PRESENCE OF THE ARTIST IS ESSENTIAL  
BOTH ON THE OPEN DAYS  
AS IN THE FIG BILBAO FAIR.

## RECIPIENTS

Open Portfolio is aimed to all those emerging artists whose practice focuses on the field of prints and works on paper or have a highlighted activity in this area

## SUPPLIES

Open Portfolio will offer to each participant - free of charge- a horizontal linear space (table) for the exhibition of his work. The tables (one per artist) will be about 3 meters long and 1 wide. Also, each table will have a rear wall of 2x3m. to expose the works.

- It is a professional work presentation, so the Open Portfolio organization will broadcast through the official catalog, official website and other media, as well as through the press releases, the work of the artists presented. The works will be transported, placed and removed from the exhibition space by participants on the dates marked by the organization.

- It is desirable that the works presented will be covered by insurance; otherwise, the artist assumes all responsibility for any damage that for reasons unrelated to FIG organization and Open Portfolio occurred. Works must be shown in a professional presentation, duly signed and with their numbered editions and also they must have a data sheet available to visitors and professionals who request information. Prices must be properly indicated and can never exceed 200 euros (+ 10% VAT) retail

## REQUIRED DOCUMENTATION

The Application for the V Open Portfolio must be submitted in a single digital dossier (maximum 10MB PDF format) with the following information in the order described:

### DIGITAL DOSSIER (PDF)

- Name of artist
- Telephone number and e-mail
- Artist Statement / CV(maximum 1 page)
- Quality Photographs of the work to be exhibited at Open Portfolio



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- Technical details of the works presented indicating title, year, dimensions and technique  
Any dossier which does not comply in time and form, or that does not include all of the required documentation will not be taken into account by the jury. The organization reserves the right to request additional information to participants.

## DEADLINE

First call May. From the day these rules are published until 8<sup>th</sup> JUNE 2020. Proposals must be sent by e-mail to the following address:

**openportfolio@figbilbao.com**

The jury's decision will be published on the web and e-mailed to artists.

## CONDITIONS

1. The organization shall ensure the overall safety of the exposure enclosure during the course of the event. The organization will not be responsible for each work security during opening hours to the public; it will be the responsibility of the authors, in any case. The display material, folders, covers, assembly material, etc., will be provided by the artist.
2. Trade relations are authorized, limited solely to the artist and client, without any intervention by the organization. The works for sale will not have a price greater than 200 euros (+ 10% VAT).
3. All artists must assemble and disassemble their presentations and be physically present during the course of the event. They must also be collaborative and participatory in the various proposals for dissemination and communication that will take place during FIG Bilbao 2020.
4. Participation in the VI Open Portfolio implies full acceptance of its rules. Any doubt about the rules shall be decided by the organization. Open Portfolio / FIG Bilbao 2020 may broadcast participants proposals in this program through media, virtual spaces, social networks, etc. and other supports as text, photographs, videos, etc..
5. Punctuality is fundamental. Selected artists will be at least one hour before the beginning of the Open Portfolio.

## SELECTION COMMITTEE

It will be made up of expert members in the field of print and contemporary artistic practices.

## OPEN PORTFOLIO AWARD

The organization will award one of the works exhibited during Open Portfolio 2020 based on a criterion of quality, format and projection.

The prize will consist of an exhibition space in the next edition to FIG Bilbao 2021 and a residence in the CIEC Foundation in Betanzos, A Coruña.

The prize may be declared void if the jury considers it appropriate. The jury's decision is final.

The winner will donate a representative piece of art from his work to Open Portfolio which organization will use for exhibition purposes to disseminate the project.



# OPENITINERA

FIG Bilbao's travelling  
exhibitions program

Open Itinera Program begins after the Open Portfolio's days. The project has been a platform for more than 110 emerging artists who have exhibited and shown their work in a direct and didactic way with interested audience. That is why, from the fifth edition, FIG Bilbao organizes several collective exhibitions with the works of the artists in different halls throughout the Basque territory.

The promotion of contemporary art and especially printmaking within Basque Country is one of the main lines of work of FIG Bilbao.

The main objective of the program is to disclose the engraving festival in a didactic way and in constant renewal to a greater number of people through the institutions interested in collaborating with us.

It is presented in both formats: an exhibition and a training session. A one-month exhibition and the possibility of an on-site workshop, given by a Basque artist, co-organized with institutions, corporations, community groups and cultural dealers.

This is our way of expanding the scope of our festival throughout the year. Through the tour we want to reach more and more people and offer the possibility of turning the festival into a platform for emerging artists.



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