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**OPEN PORTFOLIO FIG
EMERGING GRAPHICS
INTERNATIONAL ENCOUNTER**

TENTH EDITION
29-30 SEPTEMBER-1 OCTOBER 2023



OPEN PORTFOLIO FIG 2023

ENCUENTRO INTERNACIONAL
DE LA GRÁFICA EMERGENTE

**BILBAO
EDITION
2023**

29/9-1/10



Open Call: deadline 21st July

The event was born tenth years ago with the aim of supporting and giving visibility to the work of new talents in graphics and also to reinforce their professional career.

Open Portfolio is a platform for the promotion, dissemination and professionalization of raising talents; over the years, more than 180 artists from all continents have taken part in this contest.

In this edition, the project gets internationalized and thanks to the collaboration with the Fundación 'ace, two presentational calls will be held; one in Buenos Aires during the second half of June and another one in Bilbao between September 23rd and 25th. Interested in participating can choose one of the two cities.

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.

OBJETIVOS GENERALES

On the occasion of FIG Bilbao 2022, Printmaking and Art on Paper International Fair, it is made the call for the ninth 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. Artists who have been selected in previous editions can participate again with a new project.

OPEN CALL - BILBAO

In this first phase, a maximum of 16 artists will be selected to step in the first Open 2023 meeting.

Among those selected, the jury will decide the four artists to take part in the Open Portfolio of FIG 2023 workshop, which will take place on November 25th at Euskalduna Conference Hall.

The day will consist of an exhibition with the presence of artists. Each one will have a will have a rear structure and a table.

» **Location:** FICC La Terminal.

Calle pintor Ignacio Zuloaga 3, Bilbao.

(Zorrozaurre)

» **Schedule:**

September, 29th, 9 a.m. arrival and assembling

September, 30th, morning and afternoon session

October, 01st, morning session

FINAL PHASE. NOVEMBER 26th 2023

» **Eight artists selected from both calls will exhibit their work at FIG Bilbao Fair Place:** Euskalduna Conference Hall.

**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.

Artists who have already been selected in previous editions but have a new project can also apply.

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 and a rear structure.

- 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 duly shown. Each artist commits to show at least five works for sale at prices equal to or less than 200 €. (+10% VAT).
- The selected artist will receive 200€ for expenses. This amount will be paid once the event has finished.

REQUIRED DOCUMENTATION

The Application for the X 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
- 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

From the day these rules are published until June 30th 2023. 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. It is mandatory to have at least five works with price no greater than 200€ (+ 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 2023.
4. Participation in the X Open Portfolio implies full acceptance of its rules. Any doubt about the rules shall be decided by the organization. Open Portfolio / FIG Bilbao 2023 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 2023 based on a criterion of quality, format and projection.

The prize will consist of an exhibition space in the next edition to FIG Bilbao 2023 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.





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FESTIVAL INTERNACIONAL DE GRABADO
Y ARTE SOBRE PAPEL DE BILBAO**

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