

Open call for Art gallery Lakeus' themed group exhibition and Art shop (DL 4.6.)

Art gallery Lakeus (Taidegalleria Lakeus) is a gallery and cultural space in a beautiful Kauhava countryside. A local family started the gallery in 2022 in a historically precious Ostrobothnian house which has been built in 1869. The exhibition space is about 100 square meters big and it is in three rooms. In the gallery there are also different kind of free cultural workshops for visitors during the summer and a small café. Gallery is open during summers. We want to bring art to countryside and give artists in the group exhibition an exhibition reward.

The gallery and exhibition is open two months in July and in August 2023. This year there will be thematic open call for all artists who are living in Finland. 10 artists will be curated to the group exhibition. There is also an Art shop in the gallery where illustrators and artists can apply to get their products there. You can apply with the same application to group exhibition and to Art shop or just to one.

THEME OF THE GROUP EXHIBITION: CONNECTION

How is it when the connection lasts, disappears or will be found again? What kind of surprising big and small connections you can find from life? What good and bad things can connections include? You can interpret the theme freely in your art.

EXHIBITION REWARDS AND THE ROLE OF THE ARTIST

Art gallery Lakeus and the sponsoring companies are supporting the artists in the group exhibition. Each artist in group exhibition will get an exhibition reward value 200 euros. 128 euros of the value is monetary reward (before taxes) and 72 euros companies' gift cards.

The artists responsibility is to take care of the transportation of the artworks to the gallery and away, to be present in the exhibition opening at the gallery or via online video connection. There will be also 40 minutes artist interviews via online video event where each artist will be interviewed during the summer. The gallery will take care of the exhibition hanging, monitoring and guiding.

WE ARE LOOKING FOR DIVERSE ART

We are looking for artists from different backgrounds and different parts of Finland. 30 % of the artists will be curated from the local area to support local artists. You can apply with paintings, drawings, mixed media art, photographs, illustrations, sculptures and video art.

Art work can be on sale in the exhibition. Gallery will help in the selling process but the final contracts will be made between artist and buyer. Gallery will not take any provision from the art works in group exhibition. There will be 1-4 artwork curated from each artist.

HOW TO APPLY FOR A GROUP EXHIBITION

Send the application as a one PDF-file (max. 3 MB) with the following information:

- 1-5 good quality pictures about your artworks which fit to the theme with the artwork informations (name, year, technique, size) if it is a video artwork send a link to video. Artwork can be old work or a work from this year.
- Explain how your artworks fit to the theme.
- CV including your name and contacts
- Possible web sites and social media links.

Send the application as one PDF-file (max 3 MB) in Finnish, Swedish or English until the 4th of June 2023 via email to taidegallerialakeus@gmail.com

HOW TO APPLY FOR ART SHOP

You can apply either only for art shop or at the same time with group exhibition. In summer 2022 Art shop had lot of clients. The gallery will do the sales in the Art shop and it takes 20 % of the sales as provision. The artist and illustrators are responsible about the pricing and transports of their products to the gallery and back. We are looking for different kind of art products to the Art shop such as books, art cards, posters, and other print products and handicrafts.

Make a one PDF-file (max 3 MB), with the following informations:

- 3-10 pictures of the products
- Products' names, sizes, materials, prices and amounts.

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You can get to know more about the Art gallery Lakeus (Taidegalleria Lakeus) from social media:

Facebook: <https://www.facebook.com/taidegallerialakeus/>

Instagram: <https://www.instagram.com/taidegallerialakeus/?hl=fi>

If you have any questions, feel free contact Maria Leskinen by email:

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