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Application Pack for Platform Graduate Award 2023 at Phoenix Art Space

Thank you for your interest in applying to take part in the Platform Graduate Award at Phoenix Art Space. The exhibition will take place in the Project Space on our ground floor. You will find all the information you need in this pack to assist you with your submission.

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Introduction

The Platform Graduate Award is an initiative of [CVAN South East](#) to support emerging graduate artistic talent to further their practice following graduation. Established in 2012, the award includes a £2,000 bursary donated by the four venues and a 12-month bespoke mentoring package. It is awarded to an outstanding graduate from one of 12 participating regional higher education partners. Phoenix Art Space will select two - five graduates from each of its partner universities: University of Brighton and East Sussex College, Hastings.

Following a group exhibition and events programme across the participating galleries, an artist from each gallery is nominated for the award. Platform focuses on artists in the first year after graduation; a critical time when the loss of the university support structure and financial pressures can test an artist's dedication to their practice. For the participating galleries, this is a way to keep in touch with the most promising emerging practice, and with higher education institutions. More broadly, the scheme aims to stimulate artist networks outside of London and encourage artists to stay in the South East region.

For more information about the Platform Graduate Award: https://cvansoutheast.com/our-work/platform-graduate-award/

Selection Criteria

The selection panel will select a shortlist of artists from each University, they will consider:

• Quality and ambition of work

• Availability for the install, duration and de-rig of the exhibition in the Project Space at Phoenix Art Space. (Install: 29 – 31 Aug, Open to Public: 2 September – 8 October, Derig: 9 October)

• Availability to take full advantage of the 12-month professional development support from CVAN SE (Artists progressing on to an MA course must provide assurances of this).

• Level of commitment to developing your professional practice post university

• Whether you will be self-motivated and able to articulate your practice

The Brief

This year the Platform group exhibition at Phoenix Art Space will be presented in our Project Space. Work can be in any medium, and format. At this stage you don't need to have worked out all the detail – if you're selected we'll work with you to curate, edit and contextualise your work. Please be mindful that this is a group exhibition with limited scope for altering the gallery layout. It would be helpful if you take this into account when you decide which images and information you submit.

Key Dates

• Submissions Deadline: Monday 3 July, 5pm

• If you are selected you'll be contacted by Wednesday 10 July and a date will be arranged for you to meet Kitty Bew (Exhibitions Coordinator) and Ainoa Gonzalez (Venue Hire Assistant) at Phoenix Art Space.

• The exhibition dates are 2 September – 8 October (this may be subject to change) and you will need to be available in the days/weeks leading up to this time to develop your work for install. You will also need to be able to be at Phoenix Art Space for:

• Exhibition Install: 29 – 31 August

• De-Rig: 9 October

• One artist from each of the participating galleries is nominated for the Award, and will be invited to meet the CVAN SE selection panel, in person or virtually, in October.

• The Award presentation is scheduled to take place virtually in December.

How to Submit Your Work

Please send the following to: kitty@phoenixbrighton.org

• A covering email confirming your full name, your pronouns, the university and course you're graduating from, a contact email that can be used beyond the time you graduate and a contact phone number. Please also let us know if you need any access support. Do not add any additional information to your covering email.

Attach the following to your email:

• A short description of your work and practice. This should be no longer than 300 words or 3 minutes if a video file. (Please save as a Word Document or MP4 video file)

• Website or social media links if relevant

• Title, medium, dimensions, and/or duration of work you are submitting

• AND EITHER - 3-6 high-quality images of the work

 (Jpeg format, labelled with your full name and title of the work)

• OR – If your work is time-based e.g. video or performance, please submit up to 3 stills of the work *and* a URL link to a video clip via Vimeo or YouTube

We understand the time and labour in preparing work for submission and we recommend you spend no longer than 5 hours on your application before submitting it.

Deadline: Monday 3 July, 5pm
We aim to get back to everyone by Wednesday 10 July.

For questions or further information contact kitty@phoenixbrighton.org or call 01273 603700