



**2022**

## **OPEN CALL FOR ARTISTS**

Since 2019, the initiative QUESTION ME & ANSWER has published at least one annual Open Call for artists to participate in the QM&A Artist Collective. The call in 2022 is already the fifth Open Call. Information about the programme and the participants of the last QM&A Artist Collectives can be found on the website [www.questionmeandanswer.com/artist-collective](http://www.questionmeandanswer.com/artist-collective).

The Call is open to artists with migration or refugee experience, but also to artists who have been living in Vienna for a long time. Within the framework of the project, they work together on artworks, form networks and support and inspire each other in their artistic work. The programme lasts eight months (April-November 2022), with fewer events in the summer months.

Participation in the QM&A Artist Collective involves three aspects:

### **1. Collaboration with another artist**

The QM&A curators make the allocation based on a variety of criteria, and the groups are always interdisciplinary. In addition, a pair is always made up of people who have a different perception of the Viennese art scene and its inclusivity. In most cases, this means that a group is composed of one person who has recently arrived in Vienna as a migrant or refugee and one person who has been living in Vienna for a long time. These groups of artists will have several months to work together on an artwork that will be exhibited as part of a group exhibition of the entire QM&A Artist Collective. Each group is assigned a curator who provides support with documentation, process development and other concerns.

### **2. Presentation of earlier works in a small exhibition project**

Each participating artist will be put in contact with a partner gallery or partner organisation and will work on a small project there. This can be a solo exhibition, a smaller group exhibition or a festival.

### **3. Participation in the framework programme**

During the course of the project there will be regular meetings with the whole QM&A Artist Collective to enable networking within the group. In addition, meetings with key players in the Viennese art scene will take place approximately every three weeks (except in summer). These include private tours of museums, studio visits or roundtable discussions that provide insider knowledge about the Viennese art scene.

## **SUBMISSION REQUIREMENTS**

- Open to:

artists already based in and around Vienna for a long time and  
artists new to Vienna who are migrants or refugees to Vienna  
who are willing to co-create a collaborative mixed media art project

- Format & media:

unrestricted (photography, performance, sound, painting, sculpture, etc)

- Every submission requires:

A short biography of the artist, three examples (with photos/videos) of previous work with description and a letter of motivation (max. A4 page). Please note that you should not send a complete portfolio.

- Language of the application:

Preferably English or German, but all other languages are also possible. In these cases, the application will be translated with a translation programme, which may lead to misunderstandings.

#### **HOW TO APPLY**

Applications will only be accepted by email to [contact@questionmeandanswer.com](mailto:contact@questionmeandanswer.com) with the email subject: "QM&A Artist Collective Open Call". No later than **Monday 28th of February 2022, 23:59 (CET)**.

#### **SELECTION PROCESS**

We make sure that this Open Call is advertised as broadly as possible in order to reach all target groups equally and to ensure that all possible applicants have the same chances to apply. The selection will be made by an external jury as well as the QUESTION ME & ANSWER team and will be based on a number of different criteria. After a preliminary selection, all finalists will be invited for an interview before the final decision is made. The selection of the finalists will be announced by email by March 18th 2022.

#### **ARTIST FEE**

All participating artists will receive 350€ for their participation. In addition, all production costs will be covered.

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