

SUPERBLAST

Competition Rules

NAM – Not a Museum presents **SUPERBLAST**, a call to the arts for creative and experimental artistic production with an interdisciplinary approach that will be held at Manifattura Tabacchi. What does it mean to create art today? How can we rebuild a balance between humanity, urban centres and the natural world? Is a new ecological vision feasible? As we witness a critical turning point in our planet's history, we choose to address this crisis first by posing questions, not by providing immediate solutions. This is a call to anyone who does not yet have preordained answers, anyone who wishes to contribute to change and is in search of a space in which to do so.



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Introduction

MIM s.r.l. Unipersonale was appointed by Manifattura Tabacchi s.p.a. to manage and organize projects and temporary events inside the real estate complex named “ex Manifattura Tabacchi”. **NAM – Not a Museum** is the contemporary art program developed within this context: it is based on the principle of interdisciplinarity between the arts, the involvement of the community and the investigation of the relationship between art, science and nature. As part of this program, we announce **SUPERBLAST** competition.

1. Superblast competition – Purpose and Scope

MIM s.r.l. announces SUPERBLAST competition, a call to arts for the artistic production and the experimentation of interdisciplinary languages within an industrial architecture. A field of the possible that gives space to art that unhinges patterns and moves worlds, to give shape to the underway transition and to imagine a new narrative of the future: not as something that must happen, but as a common becoming. **What does it mean to make art today? How to restore a balance between man, the city and the natural world? Is a new ecology of thought possible?** Faced with a critical turning point in the history of the planet, humanity is called upon to choose its own future. We have chosen to start from questions, not from solutions. We call those who have no preordained answers, those who have the desire to lead change and to look for a space to make it happen.

2. Target

The competition is free and intended for artists, of any geographical origin, under the age of 40. Participation in groups is also allowed, as long as all participants meet the age requirements.

3. Object of the competition and its structure

Artists may submit an “Art Project”, in any form (by way of example: sculpture, painting, sound and new media art, performance, choreographic and relational practices, workshop-based projects), of new realization, having as its object works and/or site-specific projects, aimed at being represented and/or exhibited in the spaces of the real estate complex named “ex Manifattura Tabacchi”, and questioning the relationship between man and the environment.

Superblast is a **competition** created with the aim of determining 6 Winning Artists through a selection by a qualified Jury.

4. Characteristics of the Artistic Projects

There are no restrictions on the type of “Artistic Project” that can be carried out, except for its relevance to the subject of the competition and its concrete feasibility within the limits of space and time at the Artist’s disposal.

5. Application Materials

Application materials and related documentation must be sent by e-mail to the address **superblast@manifatturatabacchi.com** no later than March 21st, 2021. The Artists must attach the following documentation:

1. the application form complete with the relevant signed attachments;
2. the description, in Italian or English and accompanied by images, of the “Artistic Project” containing the concept relating to the subject of the competition and the related implementation methods;
3. curriculum vitae, drawn up in Italian or English in which the date of birth, address, domicile and/or residence in Italy, telephone number, e-mail address, completed studies, exhibition activities, as well as a short biography must be specified of the artist and his artistic career;
4. portfolio, written in Italian and/or English, updated to 2020;
5. copy of a valid identity document.

Application which do not comply with the above mentioned requirements will not be considered and uncompleted materials will not be reviewed.

6. Prizes

Each of the 6 winners selected will be eligible for the following prizes:

- a. Participation in a 3-day workshop dedicated to the exploration of the location, the choice of spaces and the scheduling of the “residences” referred to in point b.;
- b. The availability of a space (“residence”) into the real estate complex Manifattura Tabacchi, for a period of time to be defined between 5.5.2021 and 5.8.2021, in which to carry out the “Artistic Project”;
- c. The assistance in the realization of the “Artistic Project” by a curator, selected, according to a choice shared with the artist, who will support the artist for the development of an editorial project;
- d. A prize of € 5.000,00 to be used for the production “Artistic Project”;

- e. A reimbursement of up to € 500,00 for the expenses, duly documented, of transport and accommodation faced by the winner for participating in the realization phase of the “Artistic Project” at Manifattura Tabacchi;
- f. The inclusion of the “Artistic Project” as part of a collective exhibition that will take place in September 2021 at Manifattura Tabacchi;
- g. The inclusion of the “Artistic Project”, together with those of the other winners, in a publication that will be published in September 2021;
- h. Participation in talks and round tables open to the public scheduled in September 2021, during which the selected artist will present his “Artistic Project”.

The prize acceptance implies the acceptance of all the above listed items, and the commitment of the selected Artist to create the “Artistic Project” referred to in his application form. Therefore, the refusal of one of the single components of the prize, or the failure to carry out the artistic project within the deadline set out in this regulation in point 9, may lead, at the discretion of the organizer, to the forfeiture of the selected Artist from the achievement of the entire prize, with consequent obligation to return what has already been received.

With the acceptance of the prize and the receipt of the payment, the Artist exclusively transfers to MIM srl Unipersonale, all the rights connected to the “Artistic Project” created by the Artist (including, by way of example, the rights of publication and reproduction of the “Artistic Project”), without prejudice to the right of the Artist to always be cited as the author of the “Artistic Project” and his right to use the image and/or description of the “Artistic Project” for the sole purpose of promoting and perpetuating his own artistic creativity.

The cash prize referred to in point d) will be paid as follows: 50% before the start of the “residences” and the balance within 10 days after the closing of the collective event referred to in point 9; the cash prize referred to in point e) will be paid only upon presentation of suitable documentation certifying the expenses incurred.

In the event of non-acceptance of the prize, the Artist shall notify this by e-mail to **superblast@manifatturatabacchi.com** within 5 days following the publication of the winners. Furthermore, 6 Substitute Artists will be chosen, whose names will be announced, in a special ranking, together with those of the 6 selected winning Artists. Therefore, in the event that one of the selected winning artists declares not to accept the prize, the first of the list of the Substitute Artists will take over.

7. Eligibility and Exclusion

The following are not eligible to apply:

- applicants who sends the application materials after the dead line of March 21st, 2021.
- members of the Jury.

8. Selection Procedure

The Artists will be selected by a Jury composed of senior professionals in the fields of arts and environmental science who will select the artists and their projects on the basis of an overall assessment and their relevance to the subject of Superblast competition and to the location in which it will be realized.

The Jury will evaluate the projects on the basis of specific experience in the field of promoting young contemporary art. In evaluating the candidates, both the conceptual elements of the work presented and the artist's curriculum will be taken into consideration.

The names of the 6 selected winner artists will be published on the website www.superblast.it. The winning candidates will be notified by email through direct contact. At the same time the list of the replacements artists will be published on the above mentioned website.

9. Timetable

- **February 8, 2021 – March 21st, 2021** – time period for sending the application materials.
- **March 22nd, 2021 – April 20, 2021** – assessment period;
- **April 21, 2021** – publication of the winners list;
- **May 5/6/7, 2021** – workshop at Manifattura Tabacchi;
- **May 5, 2021** – August 5, 2021 – period of time for the scheduling of the “residences” for the realization of the “Artistic Project”
- **August 5, 2021** – deadline for the delivery of the “Artistic Project” by the selected artist
- **September 1, 2021 – September 21, 2021** – collective exhibition, talks and round tables open to the public

It is understood that due to the Covid-19 health emergency, the Timetable can be modified by the organization of Superblast competition in order to comply with any orders and provisions by the competent Public Authorities.

10. Insurance

MIM s.r.l. Unipersonale shall not be liable for damage, theft or tampering that may occur to the goods and/or equipment that the artist leaves within the space assigned to him for the realization of his artistic project. The custody of the furniture and equipment, as well as any material, remain under the exclusive competence of the artist.

11. Acknowledgement

By participating to the competition, the Artists acknowledge and accept the above mentioned rules, none excluded. The participating artist declares to have carefully read this regulation and therefore accept it in all its points.

12. Privacy

The information and data collected will be processed and stored in compliance with the provisions of the European Regulation GDPR n. 679/2016 and according to the provided information notice regarding privacy policy.