Open Call for Artists: Little Islands Festival 2023





The Festival that connects the Aegean landscape and nature with Audiovisual Arts, **Little Islands Festival (LIF)** is addressing an open call towards all artistic communities experimenting with hybrid artistic practices at the boundaries of the performing and digital arts.

Can a small island be a source of inspiration for modern thought?

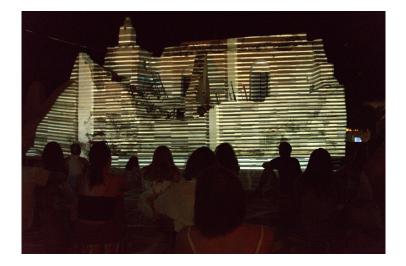
The 5th Little Islands Festival invites artists from the field of **new media** to **submit proposals** that engage with **ecology**, **anthropology**, and **science** in the enduring dialogue about the relationship between **humanity and nature**. The island frontier, which like life itself emerges from the liquid element, becomes the **principal space** for exploring modern **contradictions of human geography** through **art.**

In the Cyclades, Nature's **symbols** and **archetypal patterns** -from **habitation** and **cultivation** to the need for **connection** with the sacred, indicated the **human imprint** on space. **Natural constraints** imposed by climate and geomorphology led **human creativity** to capture the ?unpretentious?, the ?primary? and the ?essential" as a claim to the ?necessary?, composing a landscape that mirrors the islanders' culture, history and values.



In this traditional rural landscape, which seems like it has remained unchanged, **contemporary socio-cultural and economic transformations** are reflected today. Hyper Tourism, climate change and globalization, as imprinted on space, emphasize the interdependencies between **rural-urban and local-global**. Yet, at the same time that they tend to erase legacies of the past, they contribute to their re-emergence.

With the power of art and technology, Little Islands Festival explores these interdependencies to **rethink** life, work, and cohabitation. The cycle of nature becomes the field of understanding and emergence of an **imaginary** that connects sense, mind, and knowledge and articulates what seems to be missing: an ecology as a common practice and under common control, multicultural, diverse and transcendent of the "human" world we live in.



Indicative fields of research

- Site specific projects that explore cultural heritage in relation to the natural environment of Sikinos and the Cyclades in general: windmills, threshing floors, rural dwellings, dry stone walls, terraces, sacred and archaeological sites.
- Works inspired by traditions, rituals, myths, customs in conversation with nature.
- Works that explore movements and directions such as: Environmental Sociology, Eco-anarchism, Ecofeminism, Eco-communalism, Deep Ecology.
- Artistic practices with an emphasis on participation.
- Artistic workshops for children and adults on environmental awareness.

Included in the open call is the LIF Residency and Research Program 2023 where participants will be hosted in Sikinos island to

create works inspired by the natural and cultural landscape of the island.



Proposal Categories

AudioVisual Performance - Silent Film & Live Soundscapes - Sound Art - music - Installation - Virtual Reality - Augmented Reality - 3D Projection Mapping - Site Specific Art - Workshops, Residency.

For more information and the application form: https://littleislandsfest.com/open-call-2023/

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