

DordtYart

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Artist-in-Residence at the Dordtse Biesboschhal

In April 2012 DordtYart opens in Dordrecht. DordtYart is an art park for contemporary art which is located on a cultural, historical place in Dordrecht, the Biesboschhal, a former marine plant in de Stadswerven. The industrial building is renovated and is made suitable as a production and exhibition space for artists. The hall, the outdoor area, and the harbour provide an inspiring area for the artists. The premise of DordtYart is to provide a dynamic working place which contributes to the technical (craftsmanship) and social-economic (professional) development of the artist.

The Artist-in-Residence program starts 1 February 2012 and provides an international working place for talented artists. The program focuses on research, creation, and the development of works of art (think of installations, spatial work, but also performances). DordtYart has five Artist-in-Residence places for a period of three until five months. During this period the artists are engaged to an accompanist, both personal and specific. These accompanists assist the artists with practical, technical, and intrinsic dilemmas. The realization of the work of art will take place in the Biesboschhal and the artists will be, where necessary, assisted by the employees of DordtMij.

The aim is to have a parallel, collective work period for the various artists. It is therefore that the artists are asked to share their knowledge and expertise with their fellow residents. It is also expected that the artists actively participate on different cultural events, this so that the artists will integrate in the cultural life of Dordrecht and her surroundings. The hall is, during the realization of the work of art, open for the public. Therefore the artists must be willing to, during the realization of the work, comment on his work of art in the specific context in which it is placed. Each residency will be concluded with an exhibition and an evening with lectures by the artists who participated in that period.

The artists will be staying in a house on 300 meters from the Biesboschhal. The hall has a shared studio space of 120m², the space is equipped with computers, drawing tables, and there is the possibility to build scale models. The studio space is directly connected with the hall of 1600m² and the four pavilions of 50m² where the work of art is executed. Various tools and specialized machines which can be used for the realization of the work are available for the artists.

For whom: contemporary artists, preferably with monumental work as their main discipline, to approximately 35 years of age.

Period: 1 February 2012 until 30 June 2012 **or** 1 June 2012 until 31 October 2012.

Deadline for application: For the first period 15 December 2011, for the second period 15 April 2012.

More information: <http://www.dordtmij.nl/dordtyart.html>

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