



Il Bisonte Foundation - for the study of Graphic Art
Printmaking International School
via del Giardino Serristori 13 red, 50125 Florence

OPEN CALL FOR APPLICATION FOR ANNUAL SCHOLARSHIPS
for the frequency of
SPECIALIZATION COURSE IN PRINTMAKING
2022-2023

deadline: July 10th, 2022

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PURPOSE OF THE CALL

Il Bisonte Foundation - for the study of graphic art establishes **11 scholarships** for the attendance of the Specialization course in **Printmaking** 2022-23 (900 hours), at the International School Il Bisonte in Florence.

The scholarships, offered by private benefactors and foundations, are intended to encourage motivated and deserving students, already in possession of basic artistic knowledge in the specific field of engraving, to pursue their dreams, offering them the unique opportunity to attend a school of excellence and reach a highly specialized training level, facilitating their entrance into the labour world.

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OBJECTIVE OF THE COURSE

The course allows you to specialize in all traditional and contemporary techniques of printmaking in all its multiple forms of expression, which are implemented through the use of new technologies while maintaining strong foundations and peculiarities that sanction the autonomy of language.

In the first part of the course, will be given particular emphasis to etching and aquatint, as well as to the use of drypoint and soft ground. Subsequently the students will have the opportunity to work on experimental techniques like spite bite, sugar lift and color exercises with the method à la poupée and with that of chromatic selection by means of four intaglio matrices prepared for aquatint.

The course also includes various intensive seminars focused on **woodcut, mezzotin, burin** and it will be possible for students to learn the preparation of **art books** and the technique of **letterpress** printing.



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To complete and integrate the professional preparation, the class also includes lectures on the **history and evolution of art graphics**, the study of original printmaking preserved at the Foundation, visits to exhibition and public and private institutions, notions on the preparation of tools and materials, meetings with artists and curators.

The lessons of the Specialization course 2022-2023 will be held from 19th September 2022 to 9th June 2023, from Monday to Thursday from 9 am to 1:30 pm and on Friday from 9 am to 6:30 pm, in the historic studio located inside the suggestive former Stables of Palazzo Serristori in via del Giardino Serristori 13red, in the center of Florence.

Lessons will be held mainly in Italian, an individual assistance and tutorship service will be guaranteed also in English.

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TYPES AND RECIPIENTS OF SCHOLARSHIPS

The scholarships are divided as follows:

- **1 scholarship of € 7500** to fully cover the tuition, offered by the Alimondo Ciampi Foundation and reserved for artists under 35
- **1 scholarship of € 7500** to fully cover the tuition, offered by the Livorno Foundation and reserved for artists born or resident in the province of Livorno.
- **2 scholarships of € 7500** each to fully cover the tuition, offered by the Il Bisonte Foundation in memory of the American artist Thomas Wood and reserved for artists **born or resident in the United States.**
- **3 scholarships of € 7500** each to fully cover the tuition **4 scholarships of € 4500** each to partially cover the tuition offered by the CR Firenze Foundation and reserved for artists born or resident in Tuscany.

It's possible to participate in the selection for more scholarships if in possession of the indicated requirements.

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PARTICIPATION REQUIREMENTS

To participate in the selection procedure, the following requirements are mandatory:

- a) Over 18 years of age
- b) Be in possession of a first level Academic Diploma or equivalent qualification or have gained equivalent professional experience in the subject area of the course



- c) Be in possession of the specific requirements for each type of scholarship as indicated in Article 3
- d) Being unemployed

Art.5 METHOD OF PARTICIPATION AND DEADLINES

To apply, the following documents must be sent no later than **10th July 2022**:

- a) Application form filled out in all its parts and signed;
- b) 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, studies, any exhibition activities must be specified;
- c) Updated portfolio written in Italian or English containing at least five drawings and / or printmaking

The documents must be sent by e-mail to **school@ilbisonte.it** or by post to the Il Bisonte Foundation, via di San Niccolò 24 red, 50125 - Florence.

Incomplete applications or applications received after the deadline will not be considered.

The assignment of scholarships will take place at the unquestionable judgment of the commission taking into account the aforementioned criteria.

Scholarship recipients will be notified by email.

The official ranking will be available at the Foundation's secretariat starting from 25th July 2022.

The withdrawal of the paper portfolios must take place within two months from the date of assignment of the scholarships at the secretariat in via di San Niccolò 24 red, Florence. The Foundation does not ship even at the recipient's expense.

Art.6 EVALUATION CRITERIA

The applications that have passed the verification of the formal requirements will be selected by the Commission on the basis of the following criteria:

Criteria	Score	Evaluation
Evaluation of the training path	5	High school



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<i>educational qualification and professional address (up to 20 pt)</i>	10	Three-year degree
	15	Master Degree
	20	Postgraduate courses
Valutazione del percorso artistico <i>presenza di mostre personali e collettive, partecipazione a residenze artistiche (fino a 20 pt)</i>	5	Poor
	10	Fair
	15	Good
	20	Very Good
Qualitative assessment of the portfolio <i>quality of the artworks, technical skills, presence of statement artists (up to 60 pt)</i>	10	Poor
	20	Fair
	30	Satisfactory
	40	Good
	50	Very Good
	60	Excellent
MAX POINTS ALLOWABLE: 100		

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TERMS AND CONDITIONS OF PARTICIPATION

The scholarship covers only the tuition fee according to the criteria and methods set out above. The enrollment fee, materials, room and board expenses are to be paid by the student

The payment of an enrollment fee of 250 euros is required for tax charges.

For scholarship recipients, attendance is mandatory for at least 80% of the course, under penalty of revocation of the scholarship and failure to obtain the diploma. Any absences due to illness justified by a medical certificate will not be counted.

The acceptance of the partial coverage scholarship is binding on the payment of the remaining amount and on attendance for the duration of the entire course. The recipients of



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the partial coverage scholarship will be able to pay the remaining amount in three installments, divided as follows:

- first installment of 250 euros + 250 registration fee by 22 July 2022
- second installment of 1500 euros by 19 September 2022
- third installment of 1250 euros by 9 January 2023

For more information, visit the website www.ilbisonte.it or write to school@ilbisonte.it

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THE UNDERSIGNED
BORN IN.....(.....) ON/...../.....
RESIDENT IN
FISCAL CODEPHONE.....
E-MAIL.....QUALIFICATION/DEGREE.....

ASK

To participate in the selection for the assignment of the scholarship
(select the types of scholarships)

Fondazione Il Bisonte - in memory of the artist Thomas Wood
reserved for students and artists born and / or resident in the United States

Fondazione CR Firenze
reserved for students and artists born and / or resident in Tuscany

Fondazione Livorno
reserved for students and artists born and / or resident in province of Livorno

Fondazione Ciampi
reserved for young students and artists aged between 18-35 years

The undersigned attach:

- CurriculumVitae
- Portfolio

The undersigned also declares to accept all the provisions contained in the competition announcement and expresses their consent so that the personal data provided with the application can be processed exclusively for the obligations connected to this procedure in accordance with the provisions of Legislative Decree . n. 196 of 30 June 2003.

This application must be signed and sent to school@ilbisonte.it in .pdf format

Date.....

Sign.....