



OPEN CALL FOR APPLICATION FOR ANNUAL SCHOLARSHIPS FOR THE FREQUENCY OF PRINTMAKING SPECIALIZATION COURSE 2023-2024

Art.1 PURPOSE OF THE CALL

Il Bisonte Foundation establishes **6 scholarships** for the attendance of the Specialization course in Printmaking 2023-24 (900 hours), at the International School Il Bisonte in Florence.

The scholarships 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.

Art.2 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 mezzotint, pastel manner, sugar lift, collography, photo-transfer and various hand press methods, as well as the opportunity to work with other more experimental techniques.

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

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, lecture on the art market and portfolio creation meetings with artists and curators.

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TYPES AND RECIPIENTS OF SCHOLARSHIPS

The scholarships are divided as follows:

- 1 scholarship worth 7650 euros to fully cover the amount, offered and selected by the Alimondo Ciampi Foundation and reserved for **artists under 35**.
- 1 scholarship worth 7650 euros to fully cover the amount, offered and selected by the Livorno Foundation and reserved for those **born or resident in the province of Livorno**
- 1 scholarship of the value of 7650 euros each to fully cover the amount and 1 scholarship of the value 3825 to partially cover the amount offered by the Il Bisonte Foundation and reserved for **undergraduate or recent graduate students at the Academies for less than two years of Italian Fine Arts**.
- 1 scholarship of the value of 7650 euros each to fully cover the amount and 1 scholarship of the value 3825 to partially cover the amount offered by the Il Bisonte Foundation and reserved for **foreign and Italian artists under 35 working within the art print**.

It is possible to participate in the selection for multiple scholarships if you meet the indicated requirements.

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PARTICIPATION REQUIREMENTS

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

- Over 18 years of age
- 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
- Be in possession of the specific requirements for each type of scholarship as indicated in Article 3

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METHOD OF PARTICIPATION AND DEADLINES

To apply, the following documents must be sent no later than **3rd July 2023**:

- **Application form (Attached A)** filled out in all its parts and signed;

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- **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;
- **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 by **17th July 2023**. The official ranking will be available at the Foundation's secretariat starting from 9th September 2023.

Paper portfolios must be collected by 29 September 2023 at the secretariat in via di San Niccolò 24 rosso, Florence. It is possible to make the collection by courier or delegated person. The Foundation does not ship even at the expense of the recipient.

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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	Evaluation	Score
Training path (up to 20 pt)	High school	5
	Three-year degree	10
	Master Degree	15
	Postgraduate courses	20
Evaluation of the artistic path personal and collective exhibitions, participation in artistic residencies (up to 20 pt)	Poor	5
	Fair	10
	Good	15
	Very Good	20

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Portfolio quality of the works, technical skills, artist statement presence, graphic presentation (up to 60pt)	Poor	10
	Fair	20
	Satisfactory	30
	Good	40
	Very Good	50
	Excellent	60

MAX POINTS ALLOWABLE: 100

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TERMS AND CONDITIONS OF PARTICIPATION

- The scholarship only covers the tuition fee according to the criteria and methods set out above. The enrollment fee, materials, board and lodging costs are the responsibility of the student.
- Successful bidders will be required to pay a registration fee of 250 euros for tax charges.
- The lessons will be held from 2nd October 2023 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.
- For the winners of the scholarship, attendance at the course is compulsory for at least 80% of the course, under penalty of revocation of the scholarship and payment of the tuition fee. Acceptance of the partial coverage scholarship binds the payment of the remaining amount and attendance for the entire duration of the course.
- Scholarship holders are required to leave a circulation of 20 copies to the Foundation at the end of the course
- Lessons will be held mainly in Italian. Individual assistance and tutorship will be guaranteed throughout the training course, also in English.

For further information, contact the secretariat by writing to school@ilbisonte.it or by calling +39 055 2342585.

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ATTACHED A

APPLICATION FOR PARTICIPATION IN THE SELECTION FOR ANNUAL SCHOLARSHIP

The undersigned.....
born in.....(.....) on .../.../..... resident in.....(.....)
address..... tax code.....
phone number..... e-mail.....

Ask:

To participate in the selection for the assignment of the scholarship
select the type(s) of scholarship(s) for which you are applying

- Fondazione Ciampi / reserved for artists aged between 18-35
- Fondazione Livorno / reserved for those born or residing in the province of Livorno
- Fondazione Il Bisonte / reserved for foreign Italian artists under 35 who work in the field of printmaking
- Fondazione Il Bisonte / reserved for undergraduates or recent graduates for less than two years at the Italian Fine Arts Academies

Allega:

- Curriculum Vitae
- Portfolio

Dichiara:

- di accettare tutte le disposizioni contenute nel bando di concorso ed esprime il proprio consenso affinché i dati personali forniti con la domanda possano essere trattati esclusivamente per gli adempimenti connessi alla presente procedura in conformità alle disposizioni del D.lgs. n. 196 del 30 giugno 2003.

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

Date.....

Signature.....