

Garage Rotterdam Prize for young curators

In 2022, Garage Rotterdam celebrates its tenth anniversary. In ten years the exhibition space for contemporary art has become an important part of the Dutch art scene, presenting 40 exhibitions in collaboration with 15 different curators and more than 200 artists.

In the summer of 2022, Garage Rotterdam will launch **the Garage Rotterdam Prize for young curators**. The winner will create an exhibition at Garage Rotterdam in the spring of 2023.

Do you want to further develop yourself as a curator of Garage Rotterdam? Create a concept for a group exhibition at Garage Rotterdam based on a theme of your choice, in which you show how the selected artists and their works form a coherent exhibition which expresses your concept. Please take recent developments within contemporary art into account while creating your concept.

The artistic objective that Garage Rotterdam gives its curators is: to create an exhibition that is relevant, layered, and visually intriguing. In your concept you explain how the exhibition is relevant on multiple levels. Describe the (art history) discourses of your artist and artwork selection as well as their mutual coherence within the chosen theme.

An exhibition at Garage Rotterdam is accompanied by a public program called Brandstof. Brandstof is an in-depth side-program developed by the curator and tailored to the exhibition. The challenge is to deepen the theme in an attractive way, so that a wide audience feels attracted to visit the program. Include your idea for Brandstof in your proposal.

About Garage Rotterdam

Garage Rotterdam is a medium-sized exhibition space for contemporary art. Located in a unique location in the center of Rotterdam: an old Volkswagen Garage that was transformed in 2011 by architect Remy Meijers into a 500m² non-profit art space with a coffee bar. Garage Rotterdam programs four exhibitions a year, presenting local and international talent. The exhibitions are thematic and often question social topics.

One of the most important objectives of Garage Rotterdam is talent development by, amongst other things, offering opportunities to young curators. Exhibitions present upcoming artists next to established ones. Over the past 10 years, Garage Rotterdam has collaborated with a large number of emerging artists and curators who have now proven themselves successfully in the field.

Jury and production budget

The jury consists of board members of Garage Rotterdam. They assess the content and feasibility of the proposals. From the proposals, three nominees are invited to present their proposal to the jury.

During the 10th anniversary celebration of Garage Rotterdam on Saturday 1 October 2022, the 3 nominees will be announced. The curator with the most innovative, intriguing and professional exhibition proposal gets the opportunity to realize his/her/their concept with a production budget of € 17,000 excl. VAT for the exhibition and the side-program Brandstof. The curator receives an amount of € 6,000 excl. VAT as compensation. In addition to the production budget, the curators are encouraged to apply for a subsidy in the event of a special side-program.

Who is eligible?

- You have curated multiple exhibitions
- You have your own view on recent developments in contemporary art
- You are 33 years or younger

Requirements for the curator

- Experience in formulating exhibition concepts
- Organizational experience in the realization of exhibitions and budget control
- A cooperative and flexible attitude

Send the following to info@garagerotterdam.nl, before September 10th;

- A short bio, portfolio and CV
- Your proposal for a group exhibition at Garage Rotterdam and the associated Brandstof activity. Describe your concept and the side-program in a maximum of one-page A4. Your proposal can be written in English or Dutch.
- Add 2 pages A4 with images of the artists/artworks you have in mind for the exhibition.

If you are selected, the preparation and production of this exhibition will take place in **the spring of 2023**. We expect you to be available for the preparation (from the beginning of 2023), production and building-up of the exhibition. During the period of the exhibition, we also ask you to be available for events, guided tours and media requests.

Questions? Mail to info@garagerotterdam.nl or call Hanne Lemson, 010 737 0875