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Art Residency Accompanied by a Long-term Mentorship Program & Production Grant for South Caucasian Women Photographers

[Tbilisi Photo Festival](#) (TPF) in partnership with [Tbilisi Photography & Multimedia Museum](#) (TPMM) launches an open call inviting women photographers and visual artists from **Georgia, Armenia and Azerbaijan to apply to an Art Residency Accompanied by a Long-term Mentorship Program & Production Grant. The program is funded by [MagiC Carpets](#)** - a Creative Europe platform.

The 7 selected photographers and visual artists from the South Caucasus region will be given an opportunity to benefit from a production grant, an online individual mentorship and the series of lectures by international artists and curators.

The residency is open to South Caucasian contemporary multidisciplinary artists working in photography and video (documentary and conceptual).

MagiC Carpets is a Creative Europe platform uniting 15 European cultural organizations. It creates opportunities for emerging artists to embark on journeys to unknown lands and to create, together with local artists and local communities, new works that highlight local specificities. The aim of MagiC Carpets is to compensate for the shortage of story-telling existing in modern society by enhancing cultural accessibility, cultural activism and participation.

MagiC Carpets platform is co-funded by the Creative Europe Programme of the European Union.

The Deadline for the applications: April 11th, 2021 (midnight by GMT+4)

Duration of the mentorship program: 6 months (April-September 2021)

Mentor of the program: [NewshaTavakolian](#) / [Magnum Photos](#)

Description

In the frame of MagiC Carpets Year 4, Tbilisi Photo Festival partners with Tbilisi Photography & Multimedia Museum (TPMM) to extend TPMM's Multimedia Lab Production grant program into the Art Residency. The Residency will include a long-term mentorship program, a production grant and a series of educational opportunities by established international visual artists.

The program was first launched by TPMM in 2018 to support the professional strengthening of emerging women photographers from South Caucasus.

In 2021, the Art Residency program provides women photographers from Georgia, Armenia and Azerbaijan a production grant of 700 EUR to support them in the development of a long-term artistic projects related to their countries.

In the frame of the Art Residency each grantee will benefit from a 6 months online individual tutorial provided by the established Iranian photographer of Magnum Photos – [Newsha Tavakolian](#). **The program consists also in series of lectures by invited international guest artists.**

Throughout individual online tutorials, taking place once a month, the mentor of the program will assist grantees in the development of their artistic projects, helping them to define an original visual language and develop or finalize their photo/video project.

By the end of the tutoring period, slideshows/multimedia projects will be produced out of each project. The video editing of the slideshow production will be provided by the TPF and TPMM team.

Edited slideshows/multimedia projects will be uploaded on the [i-mediatheque](#) (online multimedia archives) of TPMM. During last six months the online platform - that gathers over 374 slideshows of photographers from all over the world, received up to 10,000 online visitors.

Mentor of the program

Newsha Tavakolian is a self-taught photographer and visual artist based in Tehran and working with Magnum photos. She began working professionally for the Iranian press at the age of 16 and has since covered regional conflicts, natural disasters and created social documentary projects.

Tavakolian's work is in the private collections of international institutions including the Victoria and Albert Museum in London, the Los Angeles County Museum of Art, the British Museum and the Boston Museum of Fine Art. She was the fifth laureate of the 2014 Carmignac Gestion Photojournalism Award and the principal laureate of the 2015 Prince Claus Award.

Selection of applicants

The applicants will be selected by the artistic committee of the Tbilisi Photo Festival, the Tbilisi Photography & Multimedia Museum and Newsha Tavakolian, the mentor of the program. The potential participants will be evaluated on the criteria of the applicant's work, the quality of the proposal and the extent to which Tbilisi Photo Festival will contribute to the photographer's professional development.

The applicants are expected to work on their project and develop it over the 6 months period. The final editing must consist of a minimum of 50 % of new visuals done during the mentorship period.

If participants are not able to complete that requirement, the grant will be asked to be returned to the organization.

How to apply

Applicants should send:

1 - The description of the ongoing photo/video project or a new project proposal (maximum one page in PDF) that the applicant wishes to focus on in the frame of the Art Residency

2 - A portfolio of no more than 30 images in jpg format or a video in full HD 1080p resolution (1920x1080 pixels). The portfolio can include one or two stories (finalized or ongoing) accompanied by additional single images if necessary.

3 - All contact details including links with online uploaded works (if existing).

The files to be sent should be named in the following way:

Applicant's last name, followed by a number – Example: Smith.01.jpg .

The images/files should be sized 1200 pixels on the longest side, at 72 dpi. Each photograph must be accompanied by a caption describing the date, place, and situation captured.

You can find below the projects of the three last editions of the Multimedia Production Lab Grant Program implemented by Tbilisi Photography & Multimedia Museum within the project of the Photography Hub for Education and Innovation, funded by the Swiss Agency for Development and Cooperation.

2018 - <https://tpmm.ge/en/blogs/announcing-project-completion-of-multimedia-lab-production-grant-program-2018>

2019 - <https://tpmm.ge/en/blogs/announcing-project-completion-of-multimedia-lab-production-grant-program-2019->

2020 - <https://tpmm.ge/en/education/multimedia-lab-production-grant-program-2020>

Please e-mail your application to: info@tbilisiphotofestival.com

Deadline: April 11th, 2021 (midnight by GMT+4).

Selected artists will be informed on April 19th, 2021.

(Only selected applicants will be notified.)