Art Beats

International Festival of Art, Film, Music, and Theatre

**Date:** 14th August – 20th August

**Location:** Sunway University, Malaysia and Online

**Eligibility:** Open to all student, staff and independent artists

**Prizes:** Awards across all categories

Established in 2023, Art Beats is a jointly organized international festival by Lancaster University (United Kingdom) and Sunway University (Malaysia) that presents a range of international works of art by early career artists, mid-career artist, and established artists whilst promoting a selection of works by our own students to an international audience.

We are looking for multi-disciplinary works in form or content, from craft and traditional arts, painting, sculpture and photography to multi-media, film and video art, theatre and performance to experimental sound and music. This year’s festival focuses on the themes of Planetary Health, Crossing Borders and Hidden Voices. With the help of artists in residence and academics from both universities, we will curate a selection of works for a physical exhibition at Sunway University as well as a larger exhibition online.

**Planetary Health**

Planetary health is a solutions-oriented approach focused on tackling humanity’s actions that affect the natural systems, so that both people and planet can thrive. To advance humanity's wellbeing, the declining state of planet Earth can no longer be ignored. Under this theme, we welcome submissions that address the topic (directly or indirectly) and bring awareness that can lead to further discussion and advocacy.

**Crossing Borders**

Given the current global condition, human beings often face and cross borders defined by geography, politics, ethnicity, religion, and gender, among others. Crossing borders may create minorities, often defined as such within a new context, due to the diaspora of communities. Cultural practices are maintained, hybridized, and discontinued when crossing borders. This theme seeks creative outputs that address borders and encounters with the ‘other’ or the ‘self’ as defined by these borders.

**Hidden Voices**
This theme focuses on untold stories that have shaped specific individuals, communities, or larger social movements. Hidden voices help us make connections to events that have shaped society and are often unheard and not included in historical accounts. We seek to bring to light unsung heroes, impactful stories, and contributions of underrepresented individuals and groups.

Call for Entry & Submissions

- Submission Deadline: June 30, 2023
- Eligibility: Artists, filmmakers, musicians, and theatre makers from around the world.
- For review, all submissions should be in a digital format *
- Time-based works should not exceed 20 minutes.

Submissions must include:

- Your name and country of origin
- A short bio for the main creator of maximum 100-150 words
- Title of the work
- Work’s specification (dimensions for physical works, length/running time, aspect ratio, colour/BW, etc.)
- An artist’s statement of maximum 100-300 words
- 2-3 images from the work as profile picture
- 1-2 photograph for the creator

For more information, please email us @ art.beats@lancaster.ac.uk with any questions you might have.

*If the physical work is selected for exhibition at Sunway University, the postage and travel insurance is the artist’s responsibility. Theatre submission are only for live performances.

Please complete this submission form. Please remember to upload your work at the end.