



CALL FOR SUBMISSIONS

FESTIVAL DES ARCHITECTURES VIVES 2017

Montpellier

On the occasion of the **12th Festival des Architectures Vives in Montpellier**, the association **Champ Libre** sends a call for submissions in order to realize **10 interventions in Montpellier Festival**. A second call for submissions is sent in the same time for the interventions in La Grande Motte Festival.

The Festival is at the heart of Montpellier city; it will take place in the city center more specifically in the courtyards of mansions. At the same time it will be proposed a path to the visitors, kind of architectural discovery of the city heart.

Montpellier's FAV objectives are on one hand, to open to inhabitants, during the Festival these symbolic places and on the other hand – thanks to creators teams intervention which will present a specific work to every place – to reveal an intimate relationship between contemporary architecture, installation and patrimonial site.

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Like augmented reality, they add, transform, reveal a forgotten and invisible space or on the contrary too exposed. Respectful of their environment, they change it in an inhabited environment where the past, the present and even the future are one. The installations create an environment where the imagination of each and everyone is possible. Refusing the unchanging, during the Festival, the ephemeral installations question our everyday environment. Targeting a large audience, they offer a sensory adventure, an unconventional glance. They position themselves as a revelator. The “Architectures Vives” are objects of desire, envy and simply wish to find the sense of the pleasure of the place, the city, to offer the sensitive and the tactile, to reposition the Man in the heart of the architecture.

For this 12th edition of the Festival des Architectures Vives in Montpellier, the chosen sites are in adequacy with its historical city. One of its treasures is the presence in the heart of the city of several mansions. Today, Montpellier counts more than seventy of them. Lots of these courtyards are not open to the visitors.

In their history the courtyards that are half private and half public, have had many purposes, from place of representation, distribution hall, but today it remains uninhabited. Lacking in function, they appear as ordinary spaces that are just crossed to reach a private apartment. Forgotten, because they are inaccessible, or forgotten because they are inappropriate, these courtyards disappear little by little from the common knowledge, even from the collective imagination. They become real forgotten spaces but they nevertheless maintain their own specificity, playing between shadow and light, offering a possibility to glorify these places with few things. Thus contemporary architecture will enjoy revealing and waking up sleepy sites.

Every year, the Festival is visited by a large public and in 2016 with the Montpellier and the La Grande Motte editions, 20 000 people. Moreover, the Festival is committed to raising awareness in schools, the festival received 75 kindergarten and primary classes that took part in this new program.

2 THE FAV 2017 THEMATIC

Theme of FAV 2017 : Emotion

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Extract of the definition of the 9th Edition of the Dictionnary of the French Academy

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So, architecture is able to create emotion in fields that we are going to explore during this new edition of the Festival des Architectures Vives. Each proposed installation will be able to create an emotion, a positive or a negative one. We will find, quite, happiness, sadness, surprise, fear... This emotion will be created by the link between the ephemeral installation and the power of the intervention site. Ephemeral offers the possibility to show the potency of each experience that will be offered to the spectator. Once again, the festival aims to show that architecture is able to transcend a place and is a capital gain necessary in the

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We want to draw attention of the teams; the installations have to be original ones. It is necessary to mention and quote any reference.

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5 SUBMISSIONS DEADLINE

Applications files have to be receipted before: **Friday, December 2nd, 2016 at midnight, French Time**

(GMT +1 / date of emission of email as attested.)

6 FOR THE 10 SELECTED TEAMS

The festival will take place from the **13th to the 18th of June 2017**. The construction of every installation will take place from June the 8th to 12th by the team itself.

It will be possible to visit the sites during a tour organized in January.

A subsidy of **1 000,00 € TTC** will be assigned to each of the 10 realized projects.

A book of the 12th edition presenting the realizations will be published at the end of the year 2017.

Specific constraints: Installations will take place in the courtyards of private mansion; they must take into account the specific conditions of occupation and not to harm the inhabitants or the built environment. The safety of visitors and locals, day and night must be ensured.

7 CONTACT

All the questions must be sent by email to Association Champ Libre:

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Does the specified subsidy of 1000 €, include the author's fees and the construction costs of the project?

1000 €TTC is for all. Nevertheless you can find your own sponsors and every communication file (books, program, website...) will be open to them.

How can we find pictures of Hôtels Particuliers courtyards?

They are available on the website: www.festivaldesarchitecturesvives.com

Does the designed installation have to adapt to every courtyard or one in particular?

The installation has to adapt to every courtyard because the selection is made later

Can we respond with 2 application files (one in Montpellier and one in the La Grande Motte)?

Yes but with different projects. It is necessary to make one application by site.



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La Grande Motte

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The Festival des Architectures Vives has innovated in 2013 by launching its first edition in the city of La Grande Motte. This novelty was a real success and was renewed since. Strong with the craze revealed by the Festival in this city, we decide to continue but also to enlarge the Festival for a fifth edition, where it will be possible to discover new unexpected territories. A lot of people know La Grande Motte but how many have actually visited it? This city has received the « Patrimoine du XXe siècle » label from the Culture and Communication Ministry and was the first seaside city to obtain it.

A dialogue of architecture between this contemporary heritage and short-lived installations will be set up, allowing people to discover spaces unsuspected in this city. Jean Balladur, architect of La Grande Motte wanted its architecture to reveal its time. In agreement with this vision, the installations will reveal in those chosen places, the value of their history while positioning them in a very real contemporaneity. To see, to revise, but especially to discover through another look, will be the ambition of the Festival des Architectures Vives in La Grande Motte.

So, La Grande Motte FAV's objectives are to make the inhabitants discover, during the festival, revisited places for the city and, thanks to creator teams intervention which will present a specific work to every place – to reveal an intimate relationship between contemporary architecture, installation and patrimonial site. Finally, in order to invent, thanks to the seaside position of the city, new floating architecture, creating new landscapes in La Grande Motte.

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