

FOTO TALLINN

18–20 September 2026

Kai Art Center

Foto Tallinn – Shaping the Future of Photographic Art

Held biannually, the international art fair Foto Tallinn presents jury-selected artists and galleries showcasing the latest contemporary photographic art, offering collectors and art audiences rare access to new artwork, new ideas, and the people behind the art.

At the fair, exhibiting galleries, collectives, project spaces, and artists can introduce the selected works to a diverse audience, find new collectors and grow their networks of professional contacts. The last edition of Foto Tallinn took place in 2024 with 25 international exhibitors presenting works by 35 artists.

Foto Tallinn's public programme includes curated tours, meetings with artists, panel discussions, and events dedicated to collecting contemporary photographic art. Exhibitors are invited to take part in events tailored for expanding professional networks, offering meetings with curators, critics, institutional stakeholders and gallerists.

The fair's VIP programme offers events for Estonian and international collectors' groups, such as visits to corporate and institutional collections, private tours and dinners.

The invite-only opening of Foto Tallinn 2026 will be held on 17 September and the fair will be open to the public from 18 to 20 September. A VIP preview of the fair will be held on 16 September.

The fair is organised collaboratively by Foto Tallinn, Estonian Contemporary Art Development Center, Kai Art Center and the Estonian Union of Photography Artists.





From the series Walking with Dragons, 2022 © Charles Thiefaïne



KAI ART CENTER

Kai Art Center is a nonprofit contemporary art institution that has been operating in a former submarine factory since September 2019. Kai is dedicated to showing innovative exhibition and education programmes in collaboration with Estonian and international partners. The center's artist-forward mission includes hosting an independent cinema, co-working space, and research residency. Kai Art Center was founded by the Estonian Contemporary Art Development Center (ECADC). Since its opening in 2019, Kai Art Center has organised 22 large-scale exhibitions, presenting artworks by nearly 200 artists from over 20 countries, and collaborated with 14 curators. Kai Art Center has organised more than 400 public art and cultural events, hundreds of film screenings and hosted a residency programme for 17 international curators and critics.





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ARTPROOF, a service oriented fine art laboratory, will sponsor the 4000€ production grant for one participating artist at Foto Tallinn. All artists can apply for the grant, which is designated for the production of an innovative and outstanding new series of works to be presented at the fair.

The funds may be used for printing, framing and, if necessary, scanning of works, as well as similar expenditures including custom solutions. Besides production of the series, Artproof guarantees the transport of works to the fair venue. The recipient of the Artproof Production Grant is guaranteed free participation in the next edition of Foto Tallinn. If the artist is represented at the fair by a gallery or project space, that gallery/project space will receive a 50% discount off the participation fee at the next edition which takes place in 2028.

Applications for the grant will be accepted in conjunction with applications for participation, and the relevant information should be specified on the application form. Please note that we recommend including a wide selection of images on the series being planned.

In addition to the production grant, Artproof offers a 20% discount for production of all works that will be produced for Foto Tallinn, and guarantees the transport of the works to the fair venue.

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SORAINEN, one of the Baltic region's leading law firms, aims to highlight the vibrant Baltic art scene. In collaboration with Sorainen's Private Client Team, Foto Tallinn will introduce the fair's selection to the growing community of art collectors in Estonia, Latvia and Lithuania. Sorainen's clients strongly support charitable causes, the arts, the environment and social entrepreneurship. Sorainen works to ensure their mission is successful by taking care of all related legal and tax aspects.

SUNLY, a renewable energy and clean-tech innovation company, will acquire artworks for 5000€ from the Foto Tallinn 2026 selection for the company's art collection. Through this acquisition, Sunly expresses its support for artists and aims to encourage companies and organisations to engage in developing contemporary art collections. Sunly's Tallinn office in the Telliskivi District boasts a collection of over 100 artworks by contemporary artists.

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Osalejad / Participants

- András Ladocsj^{HU/FR}
- Birgit Püve^{EE}
- Charles Thiefaïne^{FR/IG}
- Devashish Gaur^{IN}
- Diana Tamane^{LV/EE}
- Jean Vincent Simonet^{FR/CH}
- Maria Di Stefano^{IT}
- Maria Kapajeva^{EE/UK}
- Paul Kuimet^{EE}
- Ritsch Sisters^{AT/US}
- Rebekka Deubner^{DE/FR}
- Riina Varol^{EE}
- Ruudu Ulas^{EE/UK/DE}
- Sander Coers^{NL}
- Sarah van Rij^{FR/NL}
- Thomas Raul Aphalo^{FI/AR}
- Torge^{EE/IT}
- Valett Joseph Valett

Galerid / Galleries

- FOKU^{EE}
- Eve Küller^{EE} Ivar Veermäe^{EE/DE}
- Joosep Kivimäe^{EE}
- ISSP galerij^{LV}
- Agate Tuna^{LV}
- Kristiina
- Ko
- H
- PU
- Te
- Flo
- Tütar
- Kristi



Applying for participation at the fair

We invite artists worldwide working with the medium of photography, artist collectives, galleries, and project spaces to take part in Foto Tallinn. Participants will be selected by an international jury led by Foto Tallinn 2026 Artistic Director Lilian Hiob-Küttis.

To apply to exhibit at the fair:

- Fill in the online application form at www.fototallinn.ee/en/open-call/. Please fill in the form in English.
- Please include an adequate number of images (at least 5 photos of artworks) to give a sufficient overview of your booth proposal to our jury.

The deadline for the submission of applications is Monday, 23 March 2026 at 23:59 (GMT+2/Tallinn time).

You will be notified of the jury's decision by 21 April 2026.

Terms and conditions for participants:

- The artist participating in the fair can design a display of their works. Wall-mounted works, projections, installations, etc. are all welcome.
- Foto Tallinn aims to introduce the most recently-created works of participating artists. With this in mind, works created from 2021 onwards can be exhibited.
- Two sizes of exhibition spaces can be selected at the fair venue:

Medium (wall space approx. 2600 mm × 2400 mm*), participation fee 150€.

Large (wall space approx. 2600 mm × 3600 mm*), participation fee 250€.

*Please note that the final stand measurements might be subject to slight changes depending on the final exhibition design.

- 20% commission will be deducted from all sales during the fair for Foto Tallinn.
- Please be advised that all participants selected to participate in Foto Tallinn 2026 are required to be present in Tallinn during the fair days, to install and deinstall their own fair stands, and to cover all costs related to participation in the fair (e.g. transport of artworks to and from Tallinn, insurance, travel and accommodation costs, etc.).



Foto Tallinn offers the opportunity

- To introduce your work to a diverse audience visiting the fair at Kai Art Center.
- To find new professional contacts among international gallerists, artists, curators, art critics and producers coming to Tallinn for the fair.
- To engage in active sales at the fair and expand your collector base. Foto Tallinn provides special VIP events and curated tours for both established and prospective collectors, and works to bring international collector groups to Tallinn in addition to its expanding local contemporary art collectors community.
- To take part in the fair's diverse programme, which includes artist talks, panel discussions, tours and presentations.
- To apply for the Artproof Production Grant for the production of a new series or body of work.
- To present and launch publications at the fair and/or organise book signings.
- To benefit from various partnerships that support international participation, for example discounted shipping, accommodations, etc. Further information is provided by the fair organisers.
- To receive invitations for your collectors and partners to take part in the VIP programme and invitation-only opening event.

