

## **Futures at the Unseen Amsterdam 2019**

**Futures, the European platform of photography, will host a series of events during Unseen Amsterdam 2019. This year, the project will have its own space at the festival, inside the Westergastheater. This space will work as a headquarters, bringing together the 12 members of Futures and the 69 emerging talents with a programme of showcases, talks, lectures and private meetings. The activities are focused both on the festival's visitors and on the project's talents in order to increase the capacity, mobility and visibility of new artists in Europe. Unseen Amsterdam will take place at Westergas from the 19th to the 22nd of September. More details about the programme will be announced soon.**

**SHOWCASE.** During the four days of the event, Futures will present artworks from the 69 artists and collectives selected for this year. These emerging talents were chosen by 12 leading photography institutions in Europe: British Journal of Photography (UK), The Calvert Journal (UK), CAMERA (IT), Robert Capa Contemporary Photography Center (HU), FOMU (BE), Hyères Festival (FR), Fotofestiwal Lodz (PL), PHotoESPAÑA (SP), Photolreland (IE), Photo Romania Festival (RO), Triennial of Photography Hamburg (DE), and the Unseen Foundation (NL). The showcase will take place inside of the Futures' space at Westergas. A publication about the talents will also be released during the event.

**PROFESSIONAL MARKET.** The events will be focused on increasing and amplifying the professional opportunities for the artists. On Friday 20th Sept, 'Futures Conversations' will take place; private meetings with experts from the field such as international curators, collectors and editors. On Saturday 21st, experts from the Creative Europe programme will join the event in a talk dedicated to grants opportunities for artists and cultural institutions within the EU. On the same day, the lecture 'On Writing Skills' will see the dialogue between the editors of The Calvert Journal about the relation between words and images as well as the lecture 'Artists in Conversation' moderated by Photolreland director Ángel Luis González Fernández will be about steps in an artist's career.

**ING UNSEEN TALENT PROGRAMME.** In a partnership between ING, Unseen, and Futures, five Futures Talents from 2019 were selected as finalists for the ING Unseen Talent Award. They are: Elena Aya Bundurakis, Ulla Deventer, Irene Fenara, Kevin Osepa, and Karolina Wojtas. Coached by Adam Broomberg, from the artistic duo Broomberg & Chanarin, the artists are producing a new body of work. The result can be seen at the exhibition 'Nature of Change', during Unseen Amsterdam. The winners will also be announced in the event.

Throughout the four days of Unseen Amsterdam, the Futures Talents of 2019 will be invited to meet photography professionals, present their portfolios, and participate in talks and lectures. The whole programme will be released soon.

## **About Futures**

Futures is a photography platform that pools the resources and talent programmes of leading photography institutions across Europe in order to increase the capacity, mobility and visibility of its selected artists. By bringing together a wealth of resources and curatorial expertise, each talent selected by the Futures members gains access to an unprecedented network of professionals, markets and audiences. The platform aims to stimulate the photographic economy from the bottom up by expanding the market. Futures selects artists through its members. These members are prominent institutions operating in the field and have a great impact and influence in the world of photography. Being selected within Futures is a proof of quality of the artists and increases their commercial opportunities. In 2019, the 12 founding members were the British Journal of Photography (UK), The Calvert Journal (UK), CAMERA (IT), Robert Capa Contemporary Photography Center (HU), FOMU (BE), Hyères Festival (FR), Fotofestiwal Lodz (PL), PHotoESPAÑA (SP), PhotoIreland (IE), Photo Romania Festival (RO), Triennial of Photography Hamburg (DE), and the Unseen Foundation (NL). Futures is co-funded by the Creative Europe Programme of the European Union.

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## **About Unseen**

Unseen is the leading international platform for contemporary photography. By focusing exclusively on everything that is new in the world of photography, Unseen reinforces the careers of pioneering artists. Unseen offers a platform to both emerging and established talents. Throughout the year, through its magazine, dynamic events and online presence, Unseen draws attention to new and experimental approaches to photography and brings the international photography community together.

## **About Unseen Amsterdam**

Now for the eighth year, Unseen organises one of the largest and most celebrated photography events in Europe - Unseen Amsterdam. For this edition, Unseen Amsterdam returns to Westergas to once again offer a stage to the innovative vanguard of contemporary photography from the 20th to the 22nd of September. This year, Unseen Amsterdam again offers an extensive programme with initiatives such as the Fair, the Book Market, the three-day speaker program the Living Room, Exhibitions, On-site Projects, the City Programme and several Talent Development Programmes. All with the aim to offer a stage to the new names in contemporary photography.

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More details about the full 2019 programme will follow shortly.