

Art in a Modern City for a Modern Country.

15 09
2022

*The conference is dedicated to the
centenary of the Kaunas School of Arts*

*The Institute of Art Research and the Kaunas
Faculty of the Vilnius Academy of Arts, the Academy
of Arts of the Kaunas University of Applied Sciences
and the M. K. Čiurlionis National Museum of Art
invite paper proposals for the international
conference.*

The Kaunas School of Arts will celebrate its centennial in 2022. To mark the occasion, an academic conference and accompanying exhibitions will also intermingle with the events for Kaunas – European Capital of Culture 2022. We would like to take this opportunity to focus on the significance of higher education in the arts for modern artistic culture, and its effect on the later development and transformations of that culture.

The processes of artistic education that had been cultivated from the very foundation of the Kaunas School of Arts, and the artistic tradition in Lithuania generated therein, underwent a multitude of transitions. The conference invites participants to ponder anew the origin and nature of the traditions that took shape at the Kaunas School of Arts; discuss the interactions with the ideas of the modernist movement; remember the history of the Kaunas School of Arts, along with its roots and its course of development; highlight parallels with other schools of art in the first half of the 20th century, especially those established at a similar time.

We invite presenters to discuss key episodes in the history of the Kaunas School of Arts, and to raise questions about processes, personalities and events worthy of attention and wider recognition; in addition, to clarify the links between the activities of personalities affiliated and associated with the School, including teachers, artists, architects and art historians, and to identify relationships in the context of local, national and global art.

We look forward to receiving theoretical papers by academics and artists, as well as alternative and/or interdisciplinary presentations of artistic research on, but not limited to, the following topics:

- the founding of the Kaunas School of Arts: context, vision, changing circumstances;
- representing the people and the country: the functions of schools of art in modern nation-states;
- expressing national spirit and opening up to the world: the search for a distinctive national art;
- an alternative history of the Kaunas School of Arts: counter-narratives and little-known episodes;
- the Kaunas School of Arts among art academies: parallels, features, contrasts;
- visions of art academy and conceptions of modern culture in interwar Europe and beyond;
- teachers and students: generational connections, exchanges, conflicts and the search for continuity;
- the legacy of ethnic minorities at the Kaunas School of Arts;
- representatives of the Kaunas School of Arts in exile: memory, tradition and the challenges of new contexts;
- tradition of the Kaunas School of Arts and turning points in the art of Soviet Lithuania;
- Lithuanian art today: is the tradition of the Kaunas School of Arts still alive?

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Conference date:

15 September 2022

Conference venue:

M. K. Čiurlionis National Museum of Art

The conference will be held in situ and / or online.

Paper abstracts (about 250 words) and bios
(up to 60 words) should be sent by

15 October 2021

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The organisers will send invitations to selected presenters (academics and artists). Authors will be invited to submit articles based on the conference papers to the peer-reviewed journal *Acta Academiae Artium Vilnensis* (www.vda.lt/en/institute-of-art-research/acta-academiae-artium-vilnensis).

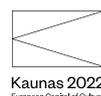
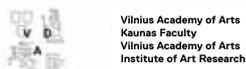
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