

# Open Call

## Invitation to participate in pre-qualification round

**Art project for the gardens of the new Children's Hospital, Women's Clinic and Maternity Ward at Haukeland University Hospital.**

**The aim of the pre-qualification round is to identify candidates to participate in a closed competition.**

On behalf of Helse Bergen and the Art Committee for Haukeland University Hospital, we invite artists to notify us of their interest (with supporting materials), for a commission to complete one of the key art projects.

### **Vision**

The project will be one of the major artworks commissioned for the new buildings. The art should reflect the values embedded in the plans for the new facilities, and should exist in dialogue with the architecture, both stylistically and with regard to the architectural vision.

The plans for the new buildings attach particular importance to the special rights and needs of their users. The art should be relevant to how children and teenagers experience the world, how they understand the world, and their capacity for reflection.

The overarching concept for the project embodies the principles set forth in the general Art Plan. The Art Committee is looking for a project that

- grasps but simultaneously challenges the architectural logic;
- shifts our understanding of the gardens' function and the intersection between indoors and outdoors; and
- is inclusive, playful and stimulating.

### **The art project – location and objectives**

The Art Committee is looking for a monumental artwork for a central location in the hospital gardens. The landscape architects have developed a varied design for the gardens, based on the themes of mountains, water and forest, and the Art Committee will be receptive to proposals that encompass a dialogue with the architects/landscape architect. The relevant area of the gardens is multilevel, extending between two storeys of the hospital buildings. To a large extent, the artwork will be experienced from inside the buildings.

Other artworks will be installed in the same area and consideration will need to be given to the interaction of all artworks.

The winning artist will be expected to collaborate closely with the architects and landscape architects. The artist must be prepared to travel to project-planning meetings.

### **About the new hospital**

The new Children's Hospital, which will be housed in buildings that will also accommodate Haukeland's Maternity Ward and Women's Clinic, will be directly linked to the existing hospital. Phase 1 of the construction work encompassed psychiatric units, a rehabilitation centre, laboratories, teaching facilities, and a children's fitness centre, which were completed in 2017. Phase 2 will

encompass a Clinic for Paediatric Somatic Medicine, a Maternity Ward and a Women's Clinic. This art project relates to Phase 2, scheduled for completion in 2022/23.

The hospital was designed by KHR Arkitekter (Copenhagen), Rambøll and Pka Arkitekter (both based in Trondheim). The landscape architect is Schønherr AS (Copenhagen).

### **The architecture.**

The architecture emphasizes a sense of continuity between the surrounding landscape and the building. The design has also prioritized tactile values and a child's sense of scale.

Fundamentally the architecture aims to link the buildings to features of the surrounding landscape: the open views down towards the fjord and the steep slopes of the mountain behind. The buildings have been conceived as a series of linked parallel wings oriented across the contour lines of the landscape. Airy, light-filled glass volumes are set on bases of natural stone. The heights of the wings have been staggered to optimize the availability of natural daylight, which also has the effect of weaving together the buildings and landscape. Green areas between the wings have been landscaped as terraces, gardens and play areas in accordance with three themes: forest, mountain and water.

The gardens between the glass wings of the buildings have been designated as priority areas for art and will accommodate several art projects.

### **We have allocated a budget of NOK 1,750,000 for this project.**

The schedule for the project must reflect the construction schedule, with completion due in autumn 2022. A schedule will form part of the contractual terms and conditions for the project.

For the prequalification round, we ask artists to send one (1) PDF file including a short explanation of their interest in the project; their initial understanding of and response to the project; documentation of earlier works and relevant projects; and a CV. The PDF must be in A4 format and must not exceed 10 pages in length. Web links can be supplied to supplement documentation. No material will be returned.

After reviewing the applications, the Art Committee will invite 3-5 applicants to participate in a closed competition.

Each of these applicants will be paid a fee of NOK 50,000 following timely submission of proposals in accordance with the Art Committee's requirements.

The Art Committee will serve as the jury to evaluate the proposals. In this process, importance will be attached to the following criteria:

- innovative approach and a documented understanding of complex spatial situations;
- a good track record of earlier, completed projects;
- good team-working abilities; and
- general approach to the commission.

The art consultants for the project are Jørgen Blitzner and Harald Fenn.

### **All materials must be received on or before 3. February 2020.**

Participants for the closed competition will be selected in February/March 2020.

Closed competition: Spring/Summer 2020

Jury's evaluation: August 2020

Submissions should be marked with the reference: "BUS2, Hageprosjekt" and should be sent by email to: [jorgen@blitzner.net](mailto:jorgen@blitzner.net)

Relevant links:

<https://helse-bergen.no/om-oss/vi-bygger-framtidas-sjukehus/glasblokkene>

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