

KalkKunst 2026 – Open Call

KalkKunst 2026 with the theme "KalkStart" will take place from 10 October to 06 November 2026. The application period runs from 1 May to 30 June 2026. Apply now!

Once a year, a large-scale art exhibition takes place in public spaces in the Kalk district, organized by the KalkGestalten foundation. Unlike in a museum, the art is shown in places where people go every day: Cafés, stores, restaurants, public administration offices and many more. Anyone who enjoys art and artistic design can apply for the exhibition. In addition to professional artists, hobby artists or painting and drawing courses can also exhibit their works.

This year's KalkKunst is themed "KalkStart" With this year's theme, the KalkGestalten Foundation aims to focus on the circumstances in which young people grow up and on their needs.

We will be showing private, public, diverse, one-sided, political, apolitical, beautiful, ugly, new, old, introverted and extravagant works. The art can be painted, potted, drawn, sprayed, sung, filmed, danced and, of course, shown in lime.

Further information about KalkKunst on Instagram @kalk_kunst or at <https://www.stiftung-kalkgestalten.org/thema/projekte/kalkkunst/>

Conditions of participation

How to apply

Application period: **May 01, 2026 to June 30, 2026.**

Please send your application digitally only to the following address: kalkkunst@stiftungkalkgestalten.org.

You may submit up to three works for consideration. If your application is accepted, you may submit an additional work specifically for the opening ceremony at the Abenteuerhallen Kalk. This work will be on display there as part of a group exhibition on the day of the opening.

The complete application consists of:

1. short CV (text file), maximum 2,500 characters
2. short text on the motivation for participation
3. maximum of three photographs with captions on title, material, technique and size of the work (H x W x D) as PDF, JPEG or as an audio or video link.
4. in the case of an installation work, a sketch with explanations and information on technical conditions

Please note that we can only consider complete applications.

Procedure

Selection

If the number of applications exceeds the number of exhibition spaces, the KalkKunst working group will decide which artists will exhibit at which venue. In the event that an artist is not selected, we will inform you by e-mail.

Participation

If you are accepted, we will inform you by e-mail by Juli 30 at the latest. If you are accepted by the KalkKunst working group, you undertake to make the artworks available for the duration of the exhibition. There are no participation fees this year.

Assembly and dismantling

The artists will be informed of the exact location (including contact details) of their presentation by September 1st. Set-up will be carried out independently in consultation with the specified exhibition space owner, as will dismantling from November 07, 2026.

Opening event

KalkKunst 2026 will open with a **vernissage on Saturday, October 10, 2026 in the Abenteuerhallen Kalk (AHK)**. All participating artists have the opportunity to provide an additional picture for the vernissage.

We will inform you in good time about the exact conditions of hanging. The picture should not exceed the size of 120 cm x 150 cm. Sculptures can also be displayed. The exhibition there is limited to the day of the opening event.

Art walks

During KalkKunst, public art walks through the neighborhood will once again take place. The participating artists are cordially invited to personally present their works during the walks. The dates for this year's art walks will be announced at the end of July, once all confirmations have been received.

Promotional Materials and Legal Information

To promote the KalkKunst exhibition, you agree that your works may be printed free of charge as part of KalkKunst (flyer, calendar, brochure, homepage and social media such as Facebook, Instagram etc.). We assume that you own the copyrights for the works exhibited and published on the Internet.

Each participating artist bears the costs and risks associated with shipping, transportation and exhibition. The KalkGestalten Foundation assumes neither the costs of any insurance taken out nor liability for any damage incurred during transportation or during the exhibition. The members of the KalkKunst working group will be happy to assist you with any questions or uncertainties.

Commitment to the Code of Conduct

By submitting your application and participating in KalkKunst 2026, you agree to acknowledge and comply with the KalkKunst Code of Conduct. This code governs respectful and inclusive interaction during the exhibition and is a binding part of the terms and conditions of participation.

Legal action is excluded.

I have read the KalkKunst conditions of participation and declare my consent (this consent can be given via e-mail):

(Date)

(Name)