



BACKGROUND

In the planned group exhibition “Trembling & Anger - Don't Be Afraid of Fear,” the GEH8 Art and Culture Center in Dresden will focus on a central emotion of our present day in 2026 and 2027: fear. Fear is not only an individual experience, but also a collective phenomenon with a significant impact on society. In a world increasingly dominated by crises, uncertainties, and accelerated processes of change, fear is becoming a defining condition—and at the same time a tool of political, media, and economic influence.

The theme invites us to understand fear as an ambivalent force – as a feeling that can paralyze, but also liberate. “Trembling and Fury” names this space of tension between inner trembling and outer rebellion – a field that is reflected in politics, everyday life, and art.

We are looking for artistic positions that take up the annual theme “Trembling & Anger” in the form of flags. Both newly developed works and existing flags from the artist's own oeuvre can be submitted. The presentation will take place on the eight flagpoles in the outdoor area of GEH8.

The flagpoles are based on the installation “G?-Flagships” designed by Saeed Foroghi in 2021.

(<https://www.geh8.de/g-flaggschiffe-saeed-foroghi/>)

CALL FOR TENDERS



APPLICATION DOCUMENTS

A maximum of 3 proposals may be submitted:
The following documents are required:

- 1) Tabular resume with personal details, address [place of residence], telephone number, email address, website [if applicable], Instagram account [max. 1 DIN A4 page!]
- 2) Images of the works or meaningful concepts with sketches for flag artworks, including title and year
- 3) Artist statement [max. 400 characters!]

The documents must be compiled in a PDF [max. 5 MB!] and sent by email to merkel@geh8.de with the subject line "OPEN CALL 2026 Flags - Last name, first name."

DATES

The deadline for submissions is March 26, 2026. Selected artists will be notified by email in mid-April 2026.

CONDITIONS OF PARTICIPATION

1. GENERAL INFORMATION

The open call is open to all artists and groups residing in Europe.

Participation includes an expense allowance of €250 per artist or group. The costs for printing the flags will be covered by GEH8.

2. RIGHTS

The submitter is responsible for clarifying the necessary rights for the use of the works in the context of the flag installation. They declare that they are authorized to allow GEH8 to use the works and that this does not infringe on the rights of third parties (e.g., copyrights, personal rights, trademark rights) and, in particular, that the rights to any third-party material used [music, film, photos, texts, etc.] have been clarified for use. The submitter indemnifies GEH8 against all third-party claims arising from use within the framework of the flag installation and documentation. This also includes the necessary and reasonable costs of legal defense. There is no insurance coverage for the exhibited works.

3. DATA PROTECTION

The protection and security of personal data is a high priority for us. Therefore, we strictly adhere to the rules of the current EU General Data Protection Regulation [GDPR]. We use the collected data exclusively for the purpose of installing the flag and documenting it.

The submitter agrees to the processing of the data and storage of his/her personal data [only for the purpose] of the application and possible presentation of the artwork.

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