

The topic of the 17th year of the sculpture festival Art in the City is CONSCIOUSNESS OF MATTER - explores sculpture as a medium for materialising of immaterial.

Sculpture as a medium has always dealt with fundamental principles for forming and creation of matter. However, only when matter is animated by concepts and consciousness it will go above and beyond ordinary shaping and becomes art. For the year 2024 we want to invite both artists and audience on a journey where we will celebrate synergy between matter and mind, the meeting of the tangible with the conceptual.

We will delve into complex relationship of the material and the immaterial, tangible and conceptual. Under the theme of consciousness of matter we will deal with the essence of sculpture as an artistic medium, where the transformation of raw matter into meaningful, inspirational objects symbolizes the very core of human creativity and need.

## About the festival

The 17th year of the festival Art in the City 2024 will be held from June 13th to September 30th 2024. Opening of the festival will take place on 13 June 2024 in České Budějovice.

Art in the City is one of the biggest sculpture festivals in the Czech Republic. Every summer, since 2008 it has been entering the public space of South Bohemians towns, villages and landscape with sculptures and artistic interventions by contemporary Czech and foreign artists. It is the festival that can be visited by everybody. The exhibition, that is not limited neither by entrance fee nor by opening hours. Exhibits set in a living city, landscape and public space come to the viewer and allow them to see known corners with new eyes. Every sculpture finds its own gallery in the location where it has been installed, the story of the statue connects with the story of location.

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## Join us

and let's go together to enliven public space of towns and villages of South Bohemian region! Send your portfolios, proposals, sketches and ideas by February 15, 2024 at festival@umenivemeste.cz

/ in the subject line of the email please specify:
 Consciousness of matter 2024
/ in the proposal send a photograph, a sketch or
 a model of the work
/ next, add dimensions, weight, material
/ any anchoring requirements
/ the place where the work is located or will be
 located (for the transport to the festival)
/ your contact information

Don't hesitate and send all the designs. Just please respect the fact that all the works of art are exhibited for the duration of the event (June - September 2024) in public space. i.e. in place freely accessible to the public 24 hours a day.

During March 2024, the authors of the submitted proposals will be informed whether their work or installation will be included in the next edition, including the possibilities of placing the work.

## The festival is provided by:

/ transport of the work and a technical support while installation

/ insurance of the work during the festival / accommodation for the opening day / promotion throughout the festival

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