

ARTES MUNDI ANNOUNCES MAJOR NEW PARTNERSHIP WITH BAGRI FOUNDATION



Installation view: Artes Mundi 9 (2021). Foreground: Firelei Báez; background: Prabhakar Pachpute at Amgueddfa Genedlaethol Caerdydd - National Museum Cardiff. Photography: Stuart Whipps

Artes Mundi is delighted to announce the **Bagri Foundation** as the Presenting Partner for Artes Mundi 10 (2023) and Artes Mundi 11 (2025). This collaboration will be the Foundation's first major partnership within the UK outside of London and marks a significant milestone for both organisations.

Artes Mundi and the Bagri Foundation share a commitment to support international contemporary visual arts practice and elevate dialogue surrounding the connections between local and global issues. This new partnership will enable the delivery of an ambitious programme centred on the biennial exhibition and associated prize, plus a public programme of talks, workshops, commissions and other activities for Artes Mundi 10 and Artes Mundi 11.

With a mission to weave together traditional Asian culture with contemporary thinking, the Bagri Foundation supports diverse programmes across film, visual arts, music, dance, literature and talks and provides artists and experts from across Asia and the diaspora a platform for dialogue on the global stage.

Through extensive programmes with the acclaimed biennial exhibition and the UK's leading international art prize situated at its core, Artes Mundi brings together artists, locally and internationally, who reflect on

the changing forces that shape our world and our futures. It is through this work that Artes Mundi harnesses the unique power of art to create space for debates and dialogue about the most important issues of our time and on the relations between ourselves, and familiar and distant cultures.

Alka Bagri, Trustee of the Bagri Foundation states: *“We at the Bagri Foundation are excited to start this journey with Artes Mundi as Presenting Partner. The organisation’s history of providing a platform to artists working with cross-border and multi-disciplinary approaches resonates deeply with the Foundation’s mission. With this partnership, together with Artes Mundi, we hope to continue to provide unique opportunities to outstanding voices in contemporary visual art.”*

Nigel Prince, Director of Artes Mundi, says: *“As we forge ahead toward Artes Mundi 10 in spring/summer 2023 and Artes Mundi 11 in 2025, this partnership provides us a significant investment toward achieving what we aim to do with and for artists, audiences and communities alike. We are delighted that the Bagri Foundation join with us in supporting the future exhibitions and prizes, providing a range and depth of opportunities accessible to all.”*

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Praise for Artes Mundi

“my favourite prize” Arts Editor Will Gompertz, formerly at BBC News

“Artes Mundi celebrates the very best in international contemporary art” BBC World Service

“Britain’s most lucrative art prize” The Daily Telegraph

“Artes Mundi manages a complicated and rewarding show” Frieze

“the highest-valued contemporary art award in the United Kingdom” Art Asia Pacific

About Artes Mundi

Artes Mundi is the flagship international visual arts organisation for Wales based in Cardiff, UK. Established in 2002, Artes Mundi is committed to supporting international contemporary visual artists whose work engages with social reality and lived experience. The Artes Mundi exhibition and prize takes place biennially, running a sustained public programme of co-creative partnerships, commissions, community and learning projects alongside the public exhibition and prize giving. Previous winners are: Firelei Báez, Dineo Seshee Bopape, Meiro Koizumi, Beatriz Santiago Muñoz, Prabhakar Pachpute and Carrie Mae Weems

(2021), Apichatpong Weerasethakul (2019), John Akomfrah (2017), Theaster Gates (2015), Teresa Margolles (2013), Yael Bartana (2010), N S Harsha (2008), Eija-Liisa Ahtila (2006), and Xu Bing (2004).

Artes Mundi is publicly funded by the Arts Council of Wales, Welsh Government and Cardiff Council.

About the Bagri Foundation

The Bagri Foundation is a UK registered charity, inspired by unique and unexpected ideas that weave the traditional and the contemporary of Asian culture. The Foundation, with its roots in education, is driven by curiosity and a desire to learn, and aims for each project to challenge, engage and inspire. Through a diverse programme of film, visual arts, music, dance, literature and talks, the Bagri Foundation gives artists and experts from across Asia and the diaspora, wider visibility on the global stage. Recent projects include a series of new outdoor commissions in partnership with the Hayward Gallery; Tantra: Enlightenment to Revolution at the British Museum; Anicka Yi at the 58th International Art Exhibition – La Biennale di Venezia; Asia Forum for the Contemporary Art of Global Asias and Nikhil Chopra at The Metropolitan Museum of Art, New York.