

9th Bienal do Mercosul | Porto Alegre opens enrolment for Mediator Training on World Meteorology Day

The Education Programme is expanding its reach in this edition, with an integrated training programme for mediators, teachers and the art-loving public

The 9th Bienal do Mercosul | Porto Alegre starts with the Cloud Formations actions, an integrated programme for mediators, educators and the general public interested in art. University students from their 3rd semester and professionals with higher education qualifications, irrespective of field of study, have until April 14 to apply for the course at surveyMonkey.com/s/MediadoresBienalDoMercosul. One of the aims of the mediator educational programme is to develop a professional approach to receiving groups and individuals during the exhibition, through a series of weekly workshops and other fortnightly meetings.

The title of the 9th Bienal do Mercosul | Porto Alegre is “If the climate is favourable” and the event will take place from September 13 to November 10 2013. The curatorial proposal for this edition has been devised by the artistic director Sofia Hernández Chong Cuy and focuses on interactions between nature and culture, experimentation and innovation. It therefore intends, among other things, to consider the bases of distinction between discovery and invention. The exhibition also concentrates on how different atmospheric conditions can affect the experience and perception we may have of the world around us. Mônica Hoff, the education curator responsible for developing the vision, ideas and methods for the education programme, states that the educational initiatives will also follow this direction. “The education-programme actions will be largely centred on the relationship between contemporary art and its technological and inventive contributions”, she says.

The Cloud Formations programme will be organised in different places in Porto Alegre, different regions of Rio Grande do Sul, and in towns in other Brazilian states. Aiming to create an even more active network of knowledge, the 9th Bienal do Mercosul | Porto Alegre is this year expanding its reach to include artists, educators, mediators and the community at large in addressing the themes of the



curatorial proposal that have a direct effect on their everyday practices and ways of functioning in the world.

The education programme for the 9th Bienal do Mercosul | Porto Alegre includes a series of workshops, meetings, discussions, field trips and exchanges that will take place between May and November 2013, involving a distance-learning platform for forums and debates; an anthology of texts about nature, culture, science, art and mediation; educational material focusing on the relationships between science and curiosity; and a symposium for addressing time, space and technology in the context of education.

“Weather Permitting”, the launch of the complete Pedagogical Programme, with its concepts and content, will take place in May, after which the 9th Mercosul Biennial | Porto Alegre will become a growing feature in the atmosphere of the city.

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