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DESIGN COMPETITION

Young Balkan Designers

HERE & NOW

Hybrid Solutions for Contemporary Living, Work, Exchange & Play

REGIONAL DESIGN COMPETITION

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● COMPETITION THEME: "HERE AND NOW"

May you live in interesting times. We do. Technological breakthrough opens new possibilities of remote working and flexible working arrangements that also affect configuration of our personal and communal spaces. On the other hand, the global health crisis gave us time to reflect on our personal values and aspirations, leading to mass self-reflection on the ways we want to spend most of our day - where, when, with whom and why. Theme "Here and Now - Hybrid Solutions for Contemporary Living, Work, Exchange and Play" calls for sustainable, smart, flexible design solutions for ever-changing environments and circumstances we live in nowadays.

We challenge young designers to explore new furniture and space functions for in-between and overlapping areas of everyday worlds: home, work, school, public spaces, fun, intimate and communal zones, urban and rural environments, static and moving experiences. Submitted projects should be able to offer multiple functions and experiences to its users, support diverse living scenarios, hybrid and nomadic work models, enable easy creation of "third spaces", transform any place into a play room or informal education set-up and much more.

● JURY

Marva Griffin, curator, Salone Satellite, Milan Furniture Fair, Italy

Henriette Waal, industrial designer, professor at Eindhoven Design Academy, Netherlands / Director of Experimintal Research, Atelier Luma, Experimental Program, France

Nikola Radeljkovic, designer, Numen/For Use, Croatia

Jelena Matic, product designer, professor at Faculty of Forestry, University of Belgrade, Serbia

Maja Lalic, architects, founder of Mikser Association, Serbia

● ABOUT YBD

Young Balkan Designers (YBD) is Mikser organization's regional talent platform aimed at discovering, developing and promoting creative talents of the Balkan region in the field of sustainable design. The initiative also aims at unifying the regional design scene, bringing it closer to the international audience, strengthening its potential by providing additional education and practice to emerging designers, while at the same time contributing to the restoration of multi-cultural cooperation in the Balkan region.

● ABOUT NUNC

Nunc (now) is a furniture manufacturer from Slavonia, Croatia. It debuted on international design scene in 2019 at the furniture fair in Cologne Germany, and it has been growing and conquering international markets ever since. Nunc's witty and refreshing approach to design of everyday objects comes from collaboration with emerging designers from the entire region, many of which have debuted on the regional and international scene via Young Balkan Designers platform.

The company visionaries and Mikser curators teamed up in launching a special edition of Young Balkan Designers competition, creating a unique opportunity for the next generation of Balkan designers to join Nunc on its mission to reinterpret the region's rich tradition and culture into innovative and recognizable contemporary design products.

● AWARDS

The Jury will select the Competition winners for:

I Round Winners: Participation in YBD for NUNC Exhibition of proposals in Belgrade (Faculty of Forestry, side program of Belgrade Furniture Fair)

II Round Winners: Product Development for NUNC w/ company product development team

Successful Prototypes: Presentation of prototypes at Milan International Furniture Fair 2024 (Nunc Booth) and Mikser Festival 2024 in Belgrade

● DEADLINE AND PROJECT SUBMISSION

Applicants can submit their projects until **27 September 2023 at 23.59** via online form ybd.mikser.rs/form

FULL COMPETITION INFO



ORGANIZERS



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