SAAI Factory invites artists, designers, coders, technologists and creatives from all disciplines to explore artificial intelligence as a means and field of artistic practice.

Our Open Call invites proposals that curiously, critically, and enthusiastically engage with the current possibilities of AI technology and propose alternatives to current developments such as style transfer.

The project aims to foster cross-disciplinary knowledge exchange and new approaches towards artistic production: How does the interaction between humans, AI, datasets and neural networks shape the artistic process? How can we foster interoperability, or synesthesia, between the four domains of text, music, image and movement? Can AI share the momentum of creation, when inspiration comes into being?

SAAI Factory will provide for a space to experiment and prototype AI driven artistic projects and support selected works. Internationally renown and dedicated mentors of the field will review the artistic proposals and check them for feasibility, tools and skills needed to realize the project. A period of online social encounter and match-making will form international teams around the artistic proposals.

In Summer 2021, in an international hybrid hackathon the participants will come together and join forces to prototype, experiment and work on the realization of the artistic ideas. The hackathon will take place both locally - in Hamburg, Zurich, Lagos, Thuwal, Riyadh, Dubai, Mumbai, Bangalore, Mumbai, and San Francisco - and virtually. By the end of the hackathon, all prototypes will be presented to the international community.

A board of mentors and partners will select six prototypes that will be rewarded with a fee of $2,000 and the opportunity to create a further developed version of their work for an exhibition at the Goethe Institutes in Mumbai, Abu Dhabi and San Francisco, as well as the ZKM Karlsruhe in spring 2022. Further production support will be provided. All involved creators, project ideas and prototypes will be presented during the exhibition as well.

Further info

Deadline: 6 August 2021
SAAI–Super Artistic AI–Factory is the first contemporary art based hackathon on artificial intelligence. SAAI Factory calls for hackers, artists, coders, designers, tech evangelists, creatives, and developers from all disciplines to explore artificial intelligence as a means and field of artistic practice.