



32nd INTERNATIONAL SCULPTURE FESTIVAL

Call for applications 2026

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FESTIVAL
DE SCULPTURE
SUR PIERRE
DE SPRIMONT

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DE LA PIERRE
SPRIMONT

Sprimont International Sculpture Festival

Monday, August 31 to Sunday, September 13, 2026

To sculptors wishing to participate

Organized by the SPRIMONT STONE INTERPRETATION CENTER (CIP)

In collaboration with THE quarries:

Sprimont Blue, the Troydo quarry, and the Moris quarry

With the support of

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Welcome to the 32nd edition of the Sprimont Stone Sculpture Festival !

This event brings together Belgian and international artists for 14 days to celebrate monumental sculpture in Sprimont blue stone.

Sprimont blue stone is a limestone formed around 350 million years ago, characterized by the presence of numerous crinoid fragments that give the stone its sparkling appearance.

We invite you to send us your application, references, and a few photos of your project prototype for the 2025 edition.

We look forward to receiving your application so you can enjoy an unforgettable experience.

After Movie 2025



If you would like to participate in the 2026 edition, please :

1. Fill out the attached registration form and return it before March 31, 2026, by email or via the online form at <https://forms.gle/8hGmGq3GUqXGDxs6A>
2. Send photos or a sketch of your project prototype;
3. Send the dimensions of your project: length, width, and height of the desired stone block
4. Attach three good-quality photos of recent works (references);

It is essential that these four formalities be completed before **March 31, 2026**, in order for your application to be registered.

You will then receive all the information you need to ensure the Festival runs smoothly.

Contact and other information:

Sprimont Stone Interpretation Center

www.cip-sprimont.be

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RULES FOR THE 2026 SPRIMONT INTERNATIONAL SCULPTURE FESTIVAL

Event details :

Official dates: Monday, August 31, 2026, to Sunday, September 13, 2026.

Important notice!!!

This year, we invite sculptors to be present from Friday, August 28, and no later than Sunday, August 30, 2026.

The selection of stones must be made between May 15 and June 30 at the quarry site.

For foreign sculptors, the stone will be chosen and set up on Thursday, August 27 or Friday, August 28.

Location: Stone Interpretation Center
Street Joseph Potier, 54, 4140 Sprimont (Belgium).

The organizer

- Provides a raw block of stone donated by partner quarries (no sawing possible) from which the monumental sculpture will be carved. This block will be chosen on site with the quarry foreman.
- Provides three meals a day, including one hot meal, every day from Sunday, August 30, in the morning until Sunday, September 13, in the evening.
- Provides artists with free accommodation within a 20-minute radius of Sprimont: sculptors can be accommodated in a cottage from Friday, August 28, to Monday, September 14. It is also possible to set up a tent, caravan, or mobile home directly on the event site (please notify us in advance).
- Provides sculptors with showers and toilets.
- Provides electricity, water, and the lifting equipment necessary for handling the stones.
- Provides a compressor and electricity for sculptors, who must, however, bring all the necessary tools themselves, i.e., extension cords, angle grinders, hammers, pipes, and accessories.
- Will take out civil liability/personal injury insurance.
- If you wish to invite one or more friends to the Festival, the organizer requests payment of €10/day for meals. We will always give priority to sculptors.

The organizers accept no responsibility for loss, theft, or damage to sculptors' tools.

The sculptor

- Must be able to prove that they have civil liability insurance and professional insurance.
- Will be the sole designer and creator of their work, and/or with an artist defined at the outset.
- Will provide their own tools, including a jackhammer and hoses, if compressed air is to be used.
- Authorize the CIP to take and distribute photos or videos of themselves and the work produced during the event.
- Be present at work for the 14 days of the Festival.
- For selected sculptors from outside the European Union, a copy of their passport must be sent by email before April 1, 2025.

In the event of withdrawal, in order to allow another sculptor to take advantage of this event, the sculptor undertakes to notify the managers of the Stone Interpretation Center before May 1, 2026.

Destination of the works

The sculptor will be able to dispose of their work from August 30, 2027, unless they receive an offer to sell it during the 2026 Festival.

If the sculptor does not receive an offer to sell during the 2026 Festival, the sculptures will be exhibited for one year at the CIP site or at a municipal site accessible to the public.

After August 30, 2027, the work must be collected by the sculptor at their own expense.

Given the volume of the pieces and the limited exhibition space on the site, any sculpture not collected (after August 30, 2027) by its sculptor may be moved to the municipality of Sprimont for storage or exhibition.

In the event of a sculpture being moved outside the Sprimont Stone Interpretation Center site, the sculptor will be notified 15 days before the work is moved.

In the event of disagreement or no response, the sculptor will have at least 15 days to collect their sculpture. After this period, the CIP may proceed with the removal of the sculpture as announced to the sculptor.

After August 30, 2031, i.e., five years of storage of the work on the territory of the municipality and without any expression of interest by the sculptor in his or her sculpture, the CIP reserves the right to proceed with the sale of the work.

Throughout the period during which the work is in the CIP's care, either on the CIP's premises or on the territory of the municipality of Sprimont, the CIP cannot be held liable for any damage.