



Art and Olfaction Awards and Related Events  
Athens, June 9 – 12, 2026

## Overview of Events

*Tues. June 9, 10:00 – 18:00*

**Experimental Scent Summit**

Impact Hub Athens (Karaïskaki 28, Psyrri)

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**dronebath Athens**

PLEX (Keramïkou 28, Omonoïa)

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**Residual Contact: Opening**

HGW std. (Mavromichali 138, Exarcheia)

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*Thurs. June 11, 18:30 - late*

**The 12th Art and Olfaction Awards**

Gazarte, Roof Stage (Voutadon 32-34, Gkazi)

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**AROMA: A Greek Scent Fair**

Vryssaki (artFix) (Vrisakiou 17, Plaka)

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*Friday, June 12, 20:00 – late*

**Smounds from the U.K. Underground**

Fikos Bar (Lefkosias 12, Athens)

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Please find more details below, or at [thegoldenpears.com/2026-events](http://thegoldenpears.com/2026-events)

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## Experimental Scent Summit

Tue., June 9

Time: 10am to 6pm

Location: Impact Hub Athens, Karaiskaki 28, Psyrii

Accessibility: ESS is accessible by two flights of stairs.

RSVP: <https://www.eventbrite.com/e/the-7th-experimental-scent-summit-tickets-1986286848433>

Join us in Athens for the Experimental Scent Summit 2026, now in its 7th year. Presented as part of an ongoing collaboration between Los Angeles-based *The Institute for Art and Olfaction* and Berlin-based [Smell Lab](#), the Experimental Scent Summit is an annual gathering designed to build community and learning in creative practices with scent. Through informal presentations, practitioners share experimental work in an open and unrestrained environment that facilitates collaboration and inquiry.

### *Speakers*

Alessandra Mondin

Anna D'Errico

Asteris Zacharakis

Athanasios Zagorisis

Daria Donina

Dave Kern

Dr. Caroline McMillan

Dr. Frida Michailidou

Elena Vosnaki

Luisa Damiano

Manos Gerakinis

Gabriel De Carvalho

Halston Bruce

Hannah Marie Marcus

Miriam Songster

Lisa Rommé

Sari Noguchi

Simon Knight

Yati Sharma

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## Residual Contact, Opening Party

Tue., June 9

Time: 18:00 – 23:00

Location: HGW std., Mavromichali 138, Exarcheia

Residual Contact is on view June 9 to 14, 2026.

More information: <https://thegoldenpears.com/2026-residual-contact>

Curated by Ilias Loukopoulos and Dorina Kappatou, Residual Contact is a group exhibition presented by The Institute for Art and Olfaction and HGW std. This event is an immersive dialogue, bringing together contemporary visual artists and independent perfumers from Greece to explore the connection between image, material, atmosphere, and scent. Following the Experimental Scent Summit that takes place earlier that same day, Residual Contact expands the conversation around contemporary olfactory culture and experimental creative practice. Six perfumes are paired with the works of twelve artists, creating a series of encounters that move beyond traditional exhibition formats and into the realm of embodied perception. Rather than treating scent as a supplement to the artwork, the exhibition positions fragrance as an active artistic medium capable of shaping atmosphere, disrupting perception, and creating new relationships between bodies, objects, and space. Installations, videos, paintings, sculptures, sound and scent invite visitors to navigate the space not only visually, but physically and emotionally. Residual Contact explores the invisible traces that scent and visual experience leave behind: memory, emotional residue, spatial awareness, intimacy, and transformation.

### *Participating artists:*

Maria Diamantidou

Christiana Garofalidou

Zois Geros

Dorina Kappatou

Lampros Kordolaimis

Giannis Montesantos

Ilias HGW

Thanos Leventis

Christos Oikonomou

G. M. Touliatou

Erida Tsouri

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## AROMA: A Greek Scent Fair

Wed., June 10

Time: 12:00 – 16:00

Location: Vryssaki (artFix), Vrisakiou 17, Plaka

More information: <https://thegoldenpears.com/2026-aroma>

As part of the broader program surrounding the 2026 Art and Olfaction Awards, Athens becomes a meeting point for the global fragrance community. Following the *Experimental Scent Summit* and the Art Exhibition *Residual Contact*, attention turns to the local creative scene, before the night of the awards. On June 10, independent Greek perfume brands will come together in the vibrant heart of Plaka for an intimate, one-day showcase dedicated to contemporary Greek olfactory art and creativity. The event brings a fresh point of view to the local fragrance scene highlighting a new wave of perfumers who are shaping Greek perfumery through craftsmanship, storytelling, and a deep connection to local materials and cultural heritage.

This is an intentionally personal meeting point; relaxed and targeted. A space where creators, industry professionals, journalists, and the international fragrance community can connect directly. No barriers! Guests will have the opportunity to meet the founders/perfumers in person, explore their work, and exchange ideas in an open, informal atmosphere. The showcase aims to support greater visibility and international dialogue for Greek niche perfumery, positioning it within the broader global creative fragrance landscape. Each brand offers a distinct olfactory identity, reflecting diverse creative directions offering a snapshot of how dynamic Greek niche perfumery is.

### *Participating Brands*

Angelos Créations Olfactives

BARUTI Perfumes

Klio Parfums

Little Bottle Perfumes

The Things Past

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## dronebath Athens

Wed., June 10

Time: 19:00 – 23:00

Location: PLEX, Keramikou 28, Omonoia

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Curated by Halston Bruce, dronebath is an experimental composer-driven listening session featuring 3 hours of uninterrupted low frequency in a quad sound system for premium acoustics.

Similar to a sonic meditation, we encourage you to come prepared with anything you'd need to get comfortable to fully surrender to deep listening.

### *Participating artists*

Konstantin Gabbro

Viki Steiri & Dario Papavassiliou

Lion Wintersea (Hannah Marcus)

EMI PATH

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## The 12th Art and Olfaction Awards

Thu., June 11

19:30 – Arrivals

20:00 – Awards ceremony

Location: Gazarte Roof Stage, Voutadon 32-34, 118 54, Athens

Accessibility: The awards take place on the rooftop of Gazarte, and are accessible by elevator.

RSVP: <https://www.eventbrite.com/e/the-12th-art-and-olfaction-awards-tickets-1986287195471>

The Art and Olfaction Awards return for their twelfth edition!

In the spirit of celebrating the international community of perfumers we serve, we are thrilled to bring the Art and Olfaction Awards to this historic center of philosophy and art. Join us to celebrate excellence in independent and artisan perfumery, and help us welcome the international cohort of finalists on Gazarte's stunning rooftop stage.

The Art and Olfaction Awards are designed to raise interest and awareness for independent perfumers, artisan perfumers, and experimental practitioners with scent on an international scale. With the prestigious *Golden Pear* awards handed out annually at convivial ceremonies in cities around the world, and with multiple-phase blind judging, The Art and Olfaction Awards provide an important marker for excellence in independent, artisan and experimental perfumery.

The awards will be followed by an after-party at Gazarte, with music from DJ Ino Mei.

Dress code: Cocktail bohemian, whatever that means to you.

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## Smounds from the UK Underground (1963-1999)

Fri., June 12

Time: 20:00 - late

Location: Fikos Bar, Lefkosias 12, Athens

More information: <https://thegoldenpears.com/2026-smounds>

Smounds from the UK Underground (1963-1999) is a multi-sense listening experience produced by Simon Knight.

Come and experience the magic that happens when smell and sound merge to produce Smound in the mind. Simon Knight presents an evening exploring the convergence of smell and sound through five genre-defining moments from the UK underground. Each musical journey is paired with a specially composed fragrance shaped by the music itself, transforming sound from something you hear into something you can also smell.

Smell the sounds  
Listen to the smells  
Feel the Smound

Featuring the Smounds of: Psychedelia, Northern Soul, Synth-Pop, Jungle, Trip-Hop

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