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Arte Laguna Prize Open Call 2026

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CONTEST

Arte Laguna Prize opens applications for the 21st edition Exhibition of 120 finalists in Venice

Arte Laguna Prize is the Venice-based **International Contemporary Art Contest** that welcomes and exhibits emerging artists, without restrictions. With more than two decades of experience, the competition offers numerous opportunities for participants to expand their contacts, gain global visibility and access crucial resources for career development.

The 21st edition celebrates innovation and connections in the contemporary art world, offering artists the opportunity to:

- exhibit in Venice at the Arsenale Nord from November 6 to November 29, 2026;
- receive a cash prize of €10,000;
- join a vast network of collaborations worldwide with numerous Special Prizes;
- gain free international visibility;
- sell on the online platform artelaguna.world;

COMPETITION CATEGORIES

The competition is open to the following artistic disciplines: painting, sculpture and installation, photographic art, video art and short films, performance and acting (theatre and film), digital art, digital graphics and cartoons, land art, urban art and street art, and art design.

SPECIAL PRIZES

Participants will also have access to opportunities created in collaboration with important international partners:

- ART RESIDENCIES around the world
 - MoCA Art Residency, Venice, Italy
 - BigCi, Bilpin, Australia
 - NY20+, Chengdu, China

- The Swath Art Peace Hotel, Shanghai, China

- **BUSINESS FOR ART**

- FOMAS Group, Lecco, Italy

- Gabe Tenute, Treviso, Italy

- **ART GALLERIES**

- Gallery Studio 76, Bucarest, Romania

- **SUSTAINABILITY & SOLIDARITY**

- University Ricardo Palma, Lima, Perú

THE EXHIBITION VENUE

A symbol of the power of the Serenissima Republic, the Arsenale Nord of Venice is now a fully restored area. With its 3,000 square meters, the evocative spaces of the Arsenale Nord provide the ideal setting to exhibit and promote the finest creations of the Contemporary art scene.

THE NETWORK

Each edition, Arte Laguna Prize collaborates with high-level international partners to offer artists a wide range of opportunities worldwide. Special Prizes include collaborations with art galleries, artist residencies, corporate partnerships, and participation in art festivals.

TERMS OF PARTICIPATION

Applications are open to all artists worldwide. **The deadline is June 30, 2026.**

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