



Arte Laguna Prize 2026 – International Art Contest

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Arte Laguna Prize 2026 – International Art Contest is now open for entries!

The Cultural Association MoCA (Modern Contemporary Art) recently has organised the 21th edition of Arte Laguna Prize, international competition aimed at promoting and enhancing contemporary art.

Short description

Now in its 21th edition **Arte Laguna Prize**, the world's most influential competition for emerging artists and designers that showcases and promotes creative talents now is calling for entries and accepting submissions from all parts of the world. The aims of **Arte Laguna Prize** is to promote contemporary art providing artists with professional development opportunities and gives artists the opportunity to join a large network of collaborations around the world, get free visibility and sell their works on the online platform, win a cash prize and exhibit in the iconic spaces of the **Arsenale Nord** in **Venice**. The 2026 competition is open for entries in the following artistic disciplines: → **Painting**

→ **Sculpture and Installation**

→ **Photographic Art**

→ **Video Art and Short Films**

→ **Performance and Acting** (Stage and Film)

→ **Virtual and Digital Art**

→ **Digital Graphics and Cartoon**

→ **Environmental/Land Art**

→ **Urban Art and Street Art**

→ **Art Design** Each artist can participate by submitting a **portfolio of artworks** that may have been previously exhibited. The jury is composed by international well-known experts in visual art field, and they will select **120 finalists** based on their **artistic qualities, originality and**

art field, and they will select **120 finalists** based on their **artistic qualities, originality and capacity to share a significant message**. Their works will be exhibited in the iconic 3,000-square-meter area of the Arsenale Nord in Venice. The **theme is free**. All the submitted works remain property of the artists. Arte Laguna Prize offers the opportunity to join the huge network of collaborations around the world. Exhibition of the finalist artists in the breathtaking location of the **Arsenale of Venice** and much more. **The 120 finalists** selected by the international jury will participate in the collective exhibition that will be held in **Venice**, at the **Arsenale Nord** from **November 6 to November 29, 2026**.

Submission requirements:

- a **short biography**
- goog pictures of works saved as **.jpg** file, **max. 4MB**
- **short description** for each work possibly in **English**

Who may enter?

Arte Laguna Prize is the contest that welcomes artists of any age, country, and artistic background, without gender differences.

Prize:

Three cash prizes will be awarded: → **€7,000** for first place
→ **€4,000** for second place
→ **€3,000** for third place **The 120 finalists** selected by the international jury will participate in the collective exhibition that will be held in **Venice**, at the **Arsenale Nord** from **November 6 to November 29, 2026**. Moreover, there will be **Special Prizes** made in collaboration with high-level international partners who will each choose a winner to offer new career opportunities and visibility to the participating artists. The Special Prizes include collaborations with art galleries, art residencies, collaboration with companies, participation in art festivals.

Entry fees:

For artists under 35 the application fee is **97,6 Euro** and **122 Euro** for artists over 35. The fee allows artists to submit **5 works** also in different sections.