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ARTE LAGUNA PRIZE ANNOUNCES A NEW SPECIAL PRIZE FOR PAINTING AND EXTENDS THE APPLICATION DEADLINE UNTIL JULY 15

Arte Laguna Prize announces an extraordinary extension for applications: artists can submit their entries until July 15, 2026. Two more weeks to participate in the 21st Open Call and to compete for the new Special Prize dedicated to the Painting section. Two weeks to submit up to five works and get the chance to exhibit at the Arsenale Nord in Venice from November 6 to 29, 2026.

A PRIZE THAT ALSO INVESTS IN CONTEMPORARY PAINTING

In this special extension, a new partner supports painting with a total prize of 5,000 euros, split among three artists: two awards for oil works and one prize for other painting techniques. All artists registered in the Painting section will be eligible to compete for this

Special Prize, in addition to applying for the other 13 Special Prizes already active in the Open Call. The initiative aims to recognize the vitality of the pictorial language and relaunch its ability to powerfully narrate present times.

THE EXHIBITION AND THE NETWORK: A GLOBAL SHOWCASE FOR FINALISTS

Each artist can present up to 5 works in any category of the competition. The finalists will exhibit at the Arsenale Nord in Venice for three weeks (November 6 - 29, 2026), in an exhibition that acts as a snapshot of the present: the international gaze of the jury and the variety of proposals guarantee a selection that intercepts the signals of the contemporary. The event attracts curators, critics, collectors, and cultural operators from all over the world, offering a strategic showcase to build new professional relationships.

INTERNATIONAL PRIZES AND OPPORTUNITIES

Arte Laguna Prize is not just a contest: it is a network of opportunities connecting artists to residencies, exhibitions, and collaborations worldwide. Among the prizes and benefits for artists:

- Presentation of 5 artworks to the international jury;
- Exhibition at the Arsenale Nord in Venice (November 6–29, 2026);
- First prize of 10,000 euros;
- Application for 15 international Special Prizes (Art Residencies and more);
- Online visibility on artelaguna.world.

COMPETITION CATEGORIES

The contest welcomes all techniques, organized into 10 categories: Painting, Sculpture and Installation, Photography, Video Art and Short Films, Performance and Acting, Digital Art, Digital Graphics and Cartoon, Land Art, Urban Art, and Art Design.

ART AS AN ENGINE FOR DIALOGUE AND INNOVATION

Arte Laguna Prize confirms its role as a bridge between creativity and the productive world: international residencies, collaborations with companies, and cash prizes transform the award into concrete opportunities for the professional growth of artists. The partnerships consolidate paths of research and contamination, bringing art to interact with sustainability, technological innovation, and production.

2026 OPPORTUNITIES:

- **International Residencies:** Swatch Art Peace Hotel (Shanghai, China), BigCi (Bilpin, Australia), NY20+ (Chengdu, China), Litix Spa (Carrara, Italy) including a marble block and a 1,500 euro grant, LAB852 (Hvar, Croatia), Estudio Rambar (Guanacaste, Costa Rica), Culver City Art Foundation (California, USA), Leignon Castle (Ciney, Belgium), and MoCA(Venice, Italy).
- **Site-Specific Artwork Prize:** Business for Art with Gabe Tenute (Treviso, Italy).
- **Sustainability:** A prize dedicated to sustainability featuring a residency of at least 1 month for an artist at the Faculty of Architecture of the Ricardo Palma University in Lima, Peru.
- **Festivals and Exhibitions:** International collective exhibition at Galata – Museo del Mare (Genoa, Italy) for works on the theme of Marine "Routes" that freely interpret the sea as a meeting place. Exhibition at Gallery Studio 76 for one finalist artist in Bucharest, Romania. Another New Special Prize with an Exhibition at Crossing Art Rising Stars in New York or Shanghai for one artist.
- **Painting Special Prize:** a total of €5,000 in cash prizes will be awarded to three artists. 2 Grand Prizes for Oil Paintings (€2,000 and €1,000 Cash Prize) and 1 Grand Prize for any painting technique (€2,000).

FINAL DEADLINE: JULY 15th, 2026

How to participate?

Create your personal account and upload your works on the official Arte Laguna World portal, then complete the payment of the registration fee.