



Arte Laguna Prize 21st Edition 2026

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Arte Laguna Prize opens applications for the 21st edition

Arte Laguna Prize is the Venice-based International Contemporary Art Contest that welcomes and exhibits Contemporary Photographers. 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 DETAILS

Photographs or series of photographs on analog or digital support, colored or black and white photographs. The maximum size allowed is 175 cm per side. The competition is open also to the following artistic disciplines: painting, sculpture and installation, 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 among which the Art Residencies at The Swath Art Peace Hotel, Shanghai, China, and BigCi, Bilpin, Australia

THE INTERNATIONAL JURY

The jury, which changes annually, is composed of leading curators and museum directors from various countries. The submitted works will be evaluated and the jury will select 120 finalists who will exhibit at the Venice Arsenale in November 2026.

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.

Contest Prize & TERMS

PRIZE DETAILS: Arte Laguna Prize, the leading international contest of contemporary art, is ready to welcome new emerging artists for the 21st edition.

With over 20 years of history, applying now is a unique opportunity to exhibit your works at the Arsenale Nord in Venice.

The finalists' exhibition will take place from November 6 to 29, 2026.

Why wait? Get now your spotlight. Not eligible to enter? - [Find contest where you are.](#)

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