



International FiKVA Award for painters 2023

OPEN CALL

The FiKVA Foundation announces its 2nd international contest for representational & figurative painters. This competition aims to encourage and support artists financially and provide them with an opportunity to exhibit their best work online.

Enter your best paintings completed in the last 2 years and you could win up to €5000 in cash and other prizes!

The **International FiKVA Award for painters** is a global online competition, open to all artists 18 years of age or older. The **FiKVA Award** welcomes entries in all genres: modern, classical, and imaginative realism, hyperrealism, photorealism and surrealism – as long as the artwork reads as representational and not stylized or abstract.

IMPORTANT DATES

Submissions open: Feb 20th, 2023

Submissions close: May 18th, 2023, 12:00 AM (Brussels Time).

Notification of Top 35 Selection: June 25th, 2023 (by email and social media)

Notification of all Winners: July 2nd, 2023 (All finalists and winners will be notified by email and published on both the **FiKVA** website and social media channels)

Online exhibition of the finalists opens: July 11th, 2023

ARTIST ELIGIBILITY

The **FiKVA Award** is open to all 2D artists worldwide, 18 years of age or older.

ARTWORK ELIGIBILITY

- The work must be the artist's original work. It must have been produced solely by the artist and the copyrights must be the artist's exclusive property.
- The work may be signed and may have participated in previous competitions.
- The work may be sold, but the copyrights of its image must remain the sole property of the artist.
- Works must be produced between 2021 and 2023.
- Works need to be available for an online exhibition.
- Works do not need to be available for sale.

Accepted media: oil, water-soluble oil paint, acrylic paints, watercolor, ink, gouache, tempera, and all traditional mediums on any support - canvas, board, paper, wood, panel, wall, aluminum, glass etc. Work must be handmade; no digital or mechanical work will be considered.

SUBJECT MATTER & SIZE

There are no requirements for the subject matter or size of your work - we are looking for what you consider your best work from the last two years.

FEES

You must register and pay a registration fee to submit your work.

- Participation in the **FiKVA Award** with just one work: €32
- You can enter up to 4 works, each additional work will add €16 to your participation fee.

PRIZES

First Prize:

€3000 cash prize + Participation in the online group exhibition of the finalists + Exclusive interview with John Dalton for his podcast "**John Dalton – gently does it....**" + Published interview with the **FiKVA Foundation** + Permanent place on the **FiKVA** website + Digital and social media marketing

Second Prize:

€1500 cash prize + Participation in the online group exhibition of the finalists + Published interview with the **FiKVA Foundation** + Permanent place on the **FiKVA** website + Digital and social media marketing

Third prize:

€500 cash prize + Participation in the online group exhibition of the finalists + Published interview with the **FiKVA Foundation** + Permanent place on the **FiKVA** website + Digital and social media marketing

Honorable Mention (3 will be awarded):

Participation in the online group exhibition of the finalists + Permanent place on the **FiKVA** website + Digital and social media marketing

THE JURY

The jury for 2023 consists of eight professional artists.

Nadine Robbins – Painter – USA
Alessandro Tomassetti – Painter – Canada
Christoph Eberle – Painter – Switzerland
Francine Krieg – Painter – The Netherlands
Tanya Atanasova – Painter – Bulgaria
John Dalton – Artist / Podcaster / Writer – Ireland
Wilma Geerts – Painter/Gallery holder – The Netherlands
Richard Harper – Artist – USA

The jury evaluates the originality, subject matter, and technical skill of each work. Their selection of the winning works is final, and the decision cannot be appealed on any grounds. Judges are not allowed to participate in the competition in the year they are trusted as jurors, neither are their family members nor members of the **FiKVA Organization**.

HOW TO ENTER

Submission to the **FiKVA Award** is exclusively through the website: www.fikva.art
The deadline for entry is **May 18th, 2023, 12:00 AM (Brussels Time)**.

1. Complete the submission form with data of the artist and the painting (please, do not use accents or punctuation marks). In the case that the data entered is incorrect/untrue, the foundation reserves the right to invalidate and disqualify the submission.

2. Attach an image of the work.

Images of your artwork must be uploaded directly through the **FiKVA** website / application form in a JPG or PNG format.

The image files must be a minimum of 1000 pixels wide and must NOT exceed 4 MB in size.

Have the file name format: Artist Name_Artwork Title_Material_Size_Year of production (ex: Maria Simone_Summer Days_Oil on Canvas_60x80cm_2021)

If the work is framed, please, do not include the frame in the image.

By submitting to the **FiKVA Award** you agree to our terms and conditions and grant the **FiKVA Foundation** the right to use your images for digital advertisement. **FiKVA** does not claim any intellectual rights on works entered in the competition, nor any financial compensation, should a work be sold following its promotion through **FiKVA**.

3. Pay the submission fee for your submission(s).

Your submission is complete after you receive a confirmation email with your Order Number.

Please, contact us at award@fikva.art if you have any questions.