



MINIARTURES

It's a small world after all ...

May 11 - Aug 25, 2024

WG Gallery

Aardappelmarkt 15

3311 BA Dordrecht

the Netherlands

in partnership with the FIKVA Foundation

MINIARTURES 2024

OPEN CALL

The FIKVA Foundation and WG Gallery are excited to announce an Open Call for artists to submit their miniature artworks in any medium (except for digital work) for a unique and captivating exhibition.

MiniARTures is a global competition, providing a platform for artists to demonstrate their skills in capturing the essence of realism within the confines of a miniature format (40x40 cm or 15,7 inches). This competition aims to encourage and support artists financially and provide them with an opportunity to exhibit their best works at WG Gallery for an extended period of time (11th May - 25 august 2024, Dordrecht, The Netherlands).

Enter your best miniature 2D work and you could win a group exhibition, a gallery representation, and up to €2000 in cash and other prizes!

MiniARTures is open to all artists age 18 or older, worldwide.

We welcome entries in various genres: modern, classical and imaginative realism, hyper-, photo- and surrealism – as long as the artwork reads as representational and not stylized or abstract. Digital work will not be considered for this call.

IMPORTANT DATES

Submissions open: Nov 29th, 2023

Submissions close: Feb 14th, 2024, 12:00 AM (Brussels Time).

Notification of Top 50 Selection: March 20th, 2024 (by email and social media)

Drop off works at WG Gallery: Apr 15th – May 6th, 2024

Notification of all Winners: May 10th, 2024 (All finalists and winners will be notified by email and published on both the **FiKVA** website and the social media channels)

Physical exhibition at WG Gallery: May 11th – Aug 25th, 2024

Vernissage: May 12th, 2024, at 1 PM

ARTIST ELIGIBILITY

The **MiniARTures** 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 does not have to be new, but must NOT have been exhibited previously at **WG Gallery**.
- The work may be signed and may have participated in previous competitions.
- The work needs to be available for sale.
- The work needs to be available for a physical exhibition via **WG Gallery** and the **FiKVA Foundation**.
- All works must be professionally presented: framed and/or ready to hang (works without a hanging system/wire will not be considered for the exhibition). Artists are advised not to use glass or other fragile materials if they ship works by courier service/mail. Damaged artwork will not be displayed.

Accepted mediums: paintings (oils & water-based oils, acrylic paints, watercolors, inks...), drawings (charcoal & pencils, dry and wet mediums...), press prints (etches, linocuts, lithographic prints ...), mixed-media, airbrush, and collage on any support - canvas, board, paper, wood, panel, aluminum etc. Works must be handmade; no digital works will be considered.

SUBJECT MATTER & SIZE

There is no specific theme for this exhibition, allowing artists the creative freedom to express their ideas within the confines of a small format - we are looking for what you consider your best miniature work. However, the size does matter:

- **All works should not exceed 40 cm x 40 cm in each direction including the frame. For round works: maximum diameter Ø 40 cm framed.**
- This contest is for 2D works and texture thickness should not exceed 6 cm from the wall.

GALLERY REPRESENTATION & SALES & COMMISSIONS

WG Gallery is a smart, boutique gallery in the touristic and historical heart of Dordrecht (The Netherlands), with an excellent reputation and selling opportunities.

- The Top 50 selected miniature works will be represented by and exhibited at **WG Gallery**.
- Works must be available for sale exclusively through **WG Gallery** from May 11th to August 25th, 2024
- Artists must sign an agreement for sale and representation via **WG Gallery** before the exhibition. Artists without a signed agreement will NOT be included in the physical show.
- Sales commission is 45/55 (45% - gallery commission, 55% - goes to the artist)
- The price of the selected artworks must be above €200.

FEES

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

- Participation in the **MiniARTures** with just one work: €25
- You can enter up to 4 works, each additional work will add €15 to your participation fee.

DELIVERY AND COLLECTING YOUR WORK

- You can deliver your works personally (preferably) or send them (by mail or courier) to **WG Gallery** from April 15th till May 6th 2024.
- Artists are responsible for the delivery and return labels and the insurance of their own works.
- **WG Gallery** nor **FiKVA Foundation** are responsible for any damage or loss of artworks on the way to or from the gallery.
- You are welcome to collect your work from Aug 26th to 31th 2024 personally or email us your return courier labels if your work doesn't sell.

PRIZES

First Prize:

€1250 cash prize + Certificate of First Place Prize Winner + Participation in the group exhibition of the finalists at **WG Gallery** + Gallery representation during the show + Published interview with the **FiKVA Foundation** + Permanent place on the **FiKVA website** + Publishing on the **WG Gallery** website + Digital and social media marketing

Second Prize:

€500 cash prize + Certificate of Second Place Prize Winner + Participation in the group exhibition of the finalists at **WG Gallery** + Gallery representation during the show + Published interview with the **FiKVA Foundation** + Permanent place on the **FiKVA website** + Publishing on the **WG Gallery** website + Digital and social media marketing

Third prize:

€250 cash prize + Certificate of Third Place Prize Winner + Participation in the group exhibition of the finalists at **WG Gallery** + Gallery representation during the show + Published interview with the **FiKVA Foundation** + Permanent place on the **FiKVA website** + Publishing on the **WG Gallery** website + Digital and social media marketing

Honorable Mention (3 will be awarded):

Certificate of Honorable Mention + Participation in the group exhibition of the finalists and a gallery representation at **WG Gallery** + Permanent place on the **FiKVA website** + Publishing on the **WG Gallery** website + Digital and social media marketing

Top 50:

The Top 50 works will be included in a physical exhibition of the finalists at **WG Gallery**, Dordrecht, The Netherlands + Permanent place on the **FiKVA website** + Digital and social media marketing

THE JURY

The jury for 2024 consists of two professional artists.

Wilma Geerts – Painter / **WG Gallery** holder – The Netherlands

Tanya Atanasova – Painter / **FiKVA** Founder – Belgium

The jury evaluates not only the originality, subject matter, and technical skills, but also the narrative and emotional impact of each artwork. 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** or **WG Gallery**.

HOW TO ENTER

Submission to the **MiniARTures 2024** is exclusively through the website: www.fikva.art

The deadline for entry is **February 14th, 2024, 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_30 x 24cm_2021)

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

By submitting to the **MiniARTures** you agree to our terms and conditions and grant the **WG Gallery** and the **FiKVA Foundation** the right to use your images for digital and printed advertisements. The **WG Gallery** and the **FiKVA Foundation** do not claim any intellectual rights on works entered in the competition. **The WG Gallery does claim a 45% commission, should a work be sold following its promotion through WG Gallery or the FiKVA Foundation.**

3. Read and check the Artist Agreement for sale

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

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

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