



3. mednarodni festival akvarela  
III. international watercolour festival

# CASTRA 2019

24.8.- 6.10.2019

Ajdovščina - Slovenia

Dear watercolour artists,

In 2012, the watercolour master Mr. Atanur Doğan from Turkey/Canada founded the International Watercolour Society (IWS) wishing to approach this most difficult art technique to all people and join them in art, creativity, connectedness and peace. The IWS Globe is present in many countries around the world and we are proud to be the official representatives for Slovenia under the name IWS Slovenia since 2018.

The international biennial in Slovenia titled Castra started in 2015 at which a big amount of watercolour artists from all over the world participated. The digital catalogue can be found here: <http://castra-en.splet.arnes.si/files/2015/11/Katalog-Castra-2015-www.pdf>.

It is our pleasure to announce that this is the 3rd time that we organize the international big format watercolour biennial Castra 2019 and you are kindly invited to participate. The biennial is open for all artists in all watercolour techniques. The opening ceremony and award issuing will be held on August 24th, the exhibition of the watercolour artworks will be open from August 24th to October 6th in the Lokarjeva gallery in Ajdovščina. Apart from the ceremony, the traditional international 2-day watercolour ex-tempore Castra 2019 will be held in the medieval town of Vipavski Križ near Ajdovščina.

## 1. EXHIBITION:

- Date of the exhibition: from August 24<sup>th</sup> to October 6<sup>th</sup> (43 days);
- Opening ceremony and award issuing: August 24<sup>th</sup> (Saturday);
- Traditional international 2-day watercolour ex-tempore: August 23<sup>rd</sup> & 24<sup>th</sup> (Friday and Saturday).

## 2. WATERCOLOURS:

- The topic is optional;
- No passepartout;
- Maximum 2 years old (from 2017);
- Format: minimum 21 x 29.7 cm (8.3 x 11.7 in), maximum 50 cm x 70 cm (19,6 x 27.5 in);
- One watercolour artist can participate with maximum 4 artworks.

## 3. INSTRUCTIONS TO PARTICIPATE:

- The watercolour artist can apply by sending photos of a maximum 4 artworks to [lokarjeva.galerija@dusp.si](mailto:lokarjeva.galerija@dusp.si).
- The professional art committee will inform the selected authors on May 10<sup>th</sup>.
- All selected artists will receive an e-mail with detailed instructions about how to send the original watercolour and pay the participation fee.

## 4. INSTRUCTIONS FOR SENDING DIGITAL PHOTOS OF YOUR WATERCOLOURS:

- Format: .jpg / .jpeg
- Size: between 2 M pixels and 3 M pixels
- Resolution: 300 dpi
- Title: Name and Surname – Country – Title – Year – Size;
- Deadline: April 20<sup>th</sup>
- Your digital photo will appear in the catalogue so please, send us the best quality photo!

## 5. PARTICIPATION FEE:

- You only pay if you are informed that your artworks were selected for the exhibition.
- Payment deadline: June 15<sup>th</sup>:
  - Slovenian citizens **35 EUR**,
  - IWS country head from EU **50 EUR**
  - citizens from EU **55 EUR**
  - IWS country head outside EU **60 EUR** or **70 USD**
  - citizens outside EU **65 EUR** or **75 USD**.

country	IWS country head	citizens
Slovenia	<b>35 €</b>	<b>35 €</b>
EU	<b>50 €</b>	<b>55 €</b>
outside EU	<b>60 € or 70 USD</b>	<b>65 € or 75 USD</b>

For every artist, the participation fee covers the exhibition in the Lokarjeva gallery, the catalogue of Castra 2019 and the return of the original watercolours by Slovenian post (Pošta Slovenije).

## 6. PAYMENT OF THE FEE:

You can either deposit on the bank account or send the participation fee on Paypal.

- For bank deposits, send the participation fee to the following bank account:

**Name: LOKARJEVA GALERIJA**  
**Address: Vilharjeva 38**  
**5270 Ajdovščina**  
**Slovenija**  
**IBAN: SI56 0444 4000 3138 736**  
**SWIFT / BIC: KBMASI2XXXX**

- For Paypal payment, send the **participation fee + 2,12 € or 2.55 USD of Paypal commission** on Paypal account [lokarjeva.galerija@dlusp.si](mailto:lokarjeva.galerija@dlusp.si).

In both cases, send us the payment confirmation to the email [lokarjeva.galerija@dlusp.si](mailto:lokarjeva.galerija@dlusp.si).

## 7. INSTRUCTION FOR SENDING THE ORIGINAL WATERCOLOURS:

- Send the original watercolour artwork only if your artwork has been selected for the exhibition and you have paid the participation fee.
- On the back side of every watercolour, you should attach the filled out form (Annex 1)
- You send the original watercolours to the following address (Annex 2):

**Lokarjeva galerija**  
**Vilharjeva 38**  
**5270 Ajdovščina**  
**Slovenia**

- Apart from the original watercolours, you send the printed address to which we will send you back your artworks and the catalogue. (Annex 3)
- Send the watercolours in such package that we can reuse it to send you back the watercolours and the catalogue.

## 8. IMPORTANT DATES IN 2019:

• 25. January:	invitation to the participation on Castra 2019
• 20. April:	Deadline for sending the digital photo of your watercolours
• 10. May:	Announcement of the selected artworks
• 1. June:	Deadline for sending the original watercolours from your country (at the post office, DHL, etc.)
• 15. July:	Deadline for paying the participation fee

• 23. & 24. August:	International watercolour extempore in Vipavski Križ
• 24. August:	Castra 2019 opening ceremony and award issuing
• 6. October:	End of the exhibition
• 31. October:	Deadline for sending back the original watercolours (this applies for the organisers)

## 9. AWARDS:

- By the end of May 2019, the professional art committee will select **6 awarded watercolours and 10 diplomas**. They will be published on the website of Castra 2019 (<https://lokarjevagalerija.splet.arnes.si>), on IWS Slovenia and Lokarjeva gallery Facebook Fan Pages.
- 1. award is **1.500 € (1,700 USD)**.
- The awards are in gross price.
- The awarded watercolours remain to the organiser regardless the price.

## 10. MISCELLANEOUS:

- All exposed watercolours are on sale, the gallery will take 30% commission.
- The catalogue of Castra 2019 will be sent to the artists together with their original watercolours after the end of the exhibition, until October 31<sup>st</sup>.
- The Lokarjeva Gallery reserves the rights to reproduce and exhibit any work accepted, for promotional or cultural purposes.
- **Although all works will be handled with maximum care, the Lokarjeva Gallery will assume no responsibility for any damage or loss that may occur.**
- **The works that do not adhere exactly to these rules, will not be sent back.**

## 11. Annex 1

Please, fill in the following form, cut it out and attach it at the back of each watercolour painting.

Your dates will be used for sending you updates about Castra 2019 and for exposition invitations.

NAME	
SURNAME	
YOUR VALID ADDRESS TO WHICH WE WILL SEND YOU BACK THE WATERCOLOURS AND THE CATALOGUE	
E-MAIL	
TITLE	
SIZE	
YEAR	
PRICE	

## 12. Annex 2

An example of the envelope:

<p>From: John Smith Watercolour Street 1 11000 Waterland Waterland Country</p>	<p>To: Lokarjeva galerija Vilharjeva 38 5270 Ajdovščina Slovenia</p>
<p>PRINT ONLY NO COMMERCIAL VALUE</p>	



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NO COMMERCIAL VALUE**

### 13. Annex 3

Write your address on the computer (the font size should be big enough for the package), print it and send it along with your original watercolour. We will use this address to send you back your watercolours.

Example:

John Smith  
Watercolour street 10  
11000 Waterland  
Waterland country

This is just a precaution in order to avoid the return of your watercolours back to us once we send them off.