

4. INTERNATIONAL WATERCOLOUR BIENNIAL CASTRA 2021



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://castraen.splet.arnes.si/files/2015/11/Katalog-Castra-2015-www.pdf>.

It is our pleasure to announce that this is the 4rd time that we organize the international watercolour biennial Castra 2021 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 28th, the exhibition of the watercolour artworks will be open from August 28th to October 9th in the Lokarjeva gallery in Ajdovščina. Apart from the ceremony, the traditional international 2-day watercolour ex-tempore Castra 2021 will be held in the medieval town of Vipavski Križ near Ajdovščina and Štanjel.

Art partner of CASTRA 2021 is Roman Szmal, manufacturer of watercolour paints.

EXHIBITION:

- Date of the exhibition: August 28th to October 9th (41 days);
- Opening ceremony and award issuing: August 28th (Saturday);
- Traditional international 2-day watercolour plain air: August 27th and 28th (Friday & Saturday).

WATERCOLOUR:

- Topic: landscape, people, city, abstract, still life;
- Without passepartout;
- maximum 2 years old (from 2019);
- format: minimum 21 x 29.7 cm (8.3 x 11.7 in), maximum 50 x 70 cm (19.7 x 27.6 in).
- One watercolour artist can participate with maximum 4 artworks.

PART 1

INSTRUCTIONS FOR PARTICIPATION:

- The watercolour artist can apply by sending photos of a maximum 4 artworks to iws.slovenia@gmail.com;
- The professional art committee will inform the selected authors on April 20th;
- The jury will inform the selection on April 23th;
- All selected artists will receive an e-mail with detailed instructions about how to send the original watercolour and pay the participation fee.

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 – Price**;
- The watercolour artwork must be unframed.
- Your digital photo will appear in the catalogue so please, send us the best quality photo!

PART 2

PARTICIPATION FEE:

- You only pay if you are informed that your artworks were selected for the exhibition.
- Payment deadline: June 11th;
- If you want to receive the catalogue in digital form, the participation fee is the following:
 - citizens from EU **65 EUR**,
 - citizens outside EU **75 EUR**.
- If you want to receive the catalogue in printed form, the participation fee is the following:
 - citizens from EU **70 EUR**,
 - citizens outside EU **80 EUR**.

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

If the weight of your package together with the printed catalogue is more than 2 kg, the shipping cost is higher.

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: KBMASI2XXXX
Bank: Nova KBM
Bank address: Ulica Vita Kraigherja 4, 2000 Maribor

- For Paypal payment, send the **participation fee + 2,12 € of Paypal commission** on Paypal account lokarjeva.galerija@dlusp.si.

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.
- Deadline for sending the original watercolours from your country (at the post office, DHL, etc.) is May 15th.
- 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.
- If you send original watercolours of different artists in one package, so will we send them back again.

IMPORTANT DATES IN 2021:

• January 25:	invitation to the participation on Castra 2021
• April 20:	Deadline for sending the digital photo of your watercolours
• April 23:	Announcement of the selected artworks
• May 15:	Deadline for sending the original watercolours from your country (at the post office, DHL, etc.)
• June 11:	Deadline for paying the participation fee
• August 27 & 28:	International watercolour extempore in Vipavski Križ and Štanjel
• August 28:	Castra 2021 opening ceremony and award issuing
• October 9:	End of the exhibition
• November 30:	Deadline for sending back the original watercolours (this applies for the organisers)

AWARDS:

- By the end of April 2021, the professional art committee will select 6 awarded watercolours and 10 diplomas. They will be published on the website of Castra 2021 (<https://lokarjevagalerija.splet.arnes.si>), on IWS Slovenia and Lokarjeva gallery Facebook Fan Pages.
- The awards are as follows:

1 st prize	– 1500 EUR
2 nd prize	– 1000 EUR
3 rd prize	– 750 EUR
4 th prize	– 600 EUR
5 th prize	– 500 EUR
Aquarius prize	– art material in value 500 EUR by Aquarius

- The awards are in **gross** price.
- The awarded watercolours remain to the organiser regardless the price.

MISCELLANEOUS:

- All exposed watercolours are on sale, but if you do not wish to sell the artworks, do not write the price.
- The catalogue of Castra 2021 (printed or digital) will be sent to the artists together with their original watercolours after the end of the exhibition, until November 30th.
- 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 artworks will be sent back via Slovenian Post (Pošta Slovenije). If the artwork returns to the organizers once, it will be sent back to the author. If the artwork returns to the organizers once more, it will remain to the organiser. If the author requests the watercolours be returned, he/she can do so through a private currier (DHL, DPD, etc.) by covering the shipping costs.**
- The works that do not adhere exactly to these rules will not be sent back.
- By sending your artwork and paying the participation fee you agree with all above terms and conditions.

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 2021 and for exposition invitations.

NAME	
SURNAME	
TYPE OF PARTICIPATION (underline or mark accordingly)	DIGITAL CATALOGUE PRINTED CATALOGUE
YOUR VALID ADDRESS TO WHICH WE WILL SEND YOU BACK THE WATERCOLOURS AND THE CATALOGUE	
E-MAIL	
TITLE	
SIZE	
YEAR	
PRICE	
TAXPAYER IDENTIFICATION NUMBER*	

* A Taxpayer Identification Number (TIN) is an identifying number used for tax purposes in your country. It is needed to pay you off the award in case you won a financial award. If you do not have it, let us know before the exhibition.

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>	



IMPORTANT:

If you are sending your artworks via DHL or any other international carrier, do not write the value of the artwork in the declaration! You should better write the smallest amount (for example 10 €). If the artwork goes through the customs, the gallery will not pay the importation fee and the artwork will be sent back.

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:

Name and Surname
Street and Street Number
District / Region
Postal code and city
Country

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