

4th INTERNATIONAL SMALL FORMAT WATERCOLOUR BIENNIAL MINI CASTRA 2022



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 4th time that we organize the international small format watercolour biennial Mini Castra 2022 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 27th, the exhibition of the watercolour artworks will be open from August 27th to October 8th in the Lokarjeva gallery in Ajdovščina. Apart from the ceremony, the traditional international 2-day watercolour ex-tempore Mini Castra 2022 will be held in the medieval town of Vipavski Križ near Ajdovščina.

EXHIBITION:

- Date of the exhibition: August 27th to October 8th (41 days);
- Opening ceremony and award issuing: August 27th (Saturday);
- Traditional international 2-day watercolour plain air: August 26th and 27th (Friday & Saturday).

WATERCOLOUR:

- Topic: landscape, people, city, abstract, still life. animals;
- The artwork has to be **without passepartout and without frame**;
- maximum 2 years old (from 2020);
- format: maximum 21 x 29.7 cm (8.3 x 11.7 in), minimum 14,8 x 21,0 cm (5.8 x 8.3 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 deadline for the application is April 16th.
- The professional art committee will inform the selected authors on April 23rd;
- 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 the digital photo: **Name and Surname – Country – Title – Year – Size**;
- 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 10th;
- The participation with the digital catalogue is the following:
 - Slovene citizens **40 EUR**,
 - EU citizens **65 EUR**,
 - Non EU citizens **75 EUR**.
- The participation with the printed catalogue is the following:
 - Slovene citizens **45 EUR**,
 - EU citizens **70 EUR**,
 - Non EU citizens **80 EUR**.

For every artist, the participation fee covers the exhibition in the Lokarjeva gallery, the catalogue of Mini Castra 2022, certificate and the return of the original watercolours.

If the weight of the package exceeds 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

- For Paypal payment, send the **participation fee + 5 € of Paypal commission** on Paypal account **lokarjeva.galerija@dlusp.si**.

In both cases, send us the payment confirmation to the email iws.slovenia@gmail.com.

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 7th 2022.
- 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 from different artists in one package, we will return them to you as well.

IMPORTANT DATES IN 2022:

• April 16:	Deadline for sending the digital photo of your watercolours
• April 23:	Announcement of the selected artworks
• May 7:	Deadline for sending the original watercolours from your country (at the post office, DHL, etc.)
• June 10:	Deadline for paying the participation fee
• August 26 & 27:	International watercolour extempore in Vipavski Križ
• August 27:	Mini Castra 2020 opening ceremony and award issuing
• October 8:	End of the exhibition
• November 30:	Deadline for sending back the original watercolours
• December 24:	Deadline for the award payment

AWARDS:

- By the end of April 2022, the professional art committee will select 5 awarded watercolours and 10 recognitions. They will be published on the website of Mini Castra 2022 (<https://lokarjevagalerija.splet.arnes.si>), on IWS Slovenia and Lokarjeva gallery Facebook Fan Pages.
- The awards are as follows:

1 st prize	– 500 EUR
2 nd prize	– 400 EUR
3 rd prize	– 350 EUR

4 th prize	– 300 EUR
5 th prize	– 250 EUR

- The awards are in **gross** price, therefore include your Taxpayer Identification Number in the form (Annex 1).
- The awarded watercolours remain to the organiser regardless the price.

MISCELLANEOUS:

- All exposed watercolours are on sale, so write a suitable price.
- The catalogue of Mini Castra 2022 will be sent to the artists together with their original watercolours after the end of the exhibition, until November 30st.
- 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 Pošta Slovenije. If the artwork returns to the organizers, you should cover the expenses of the next shipping. If the artwork returns for the second time, the artwork remains to the organizers.
- **If you are sending your artworks via DHL or any other international courier, do not write the value of the artwork! If the artwork goes through the customs in Slovenia, the gallery will not pay the importation fee and the artwork will not be accepted to the exhibition and will be sent back.**
- 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.

1. Annex 1

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

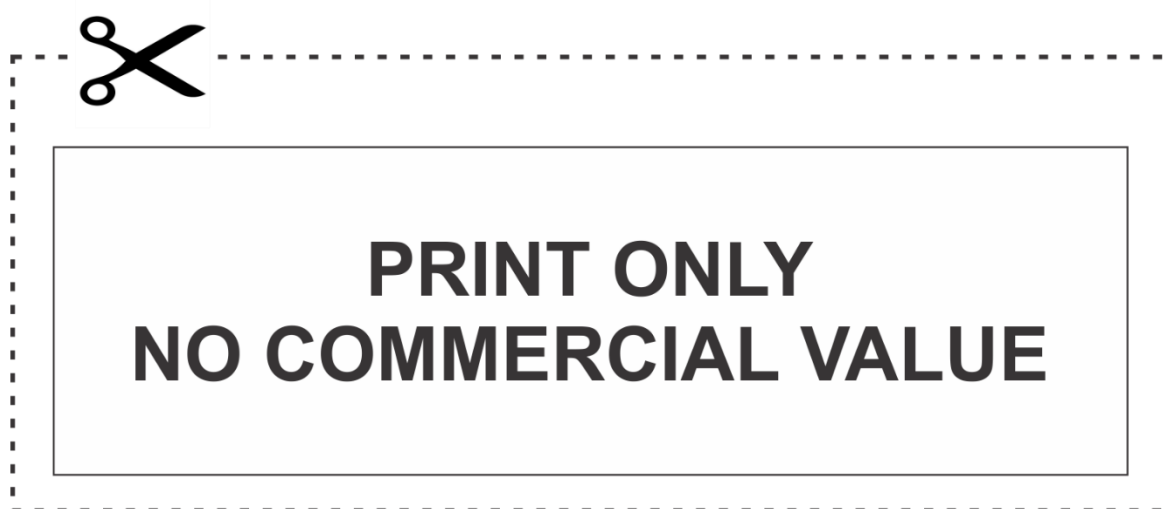
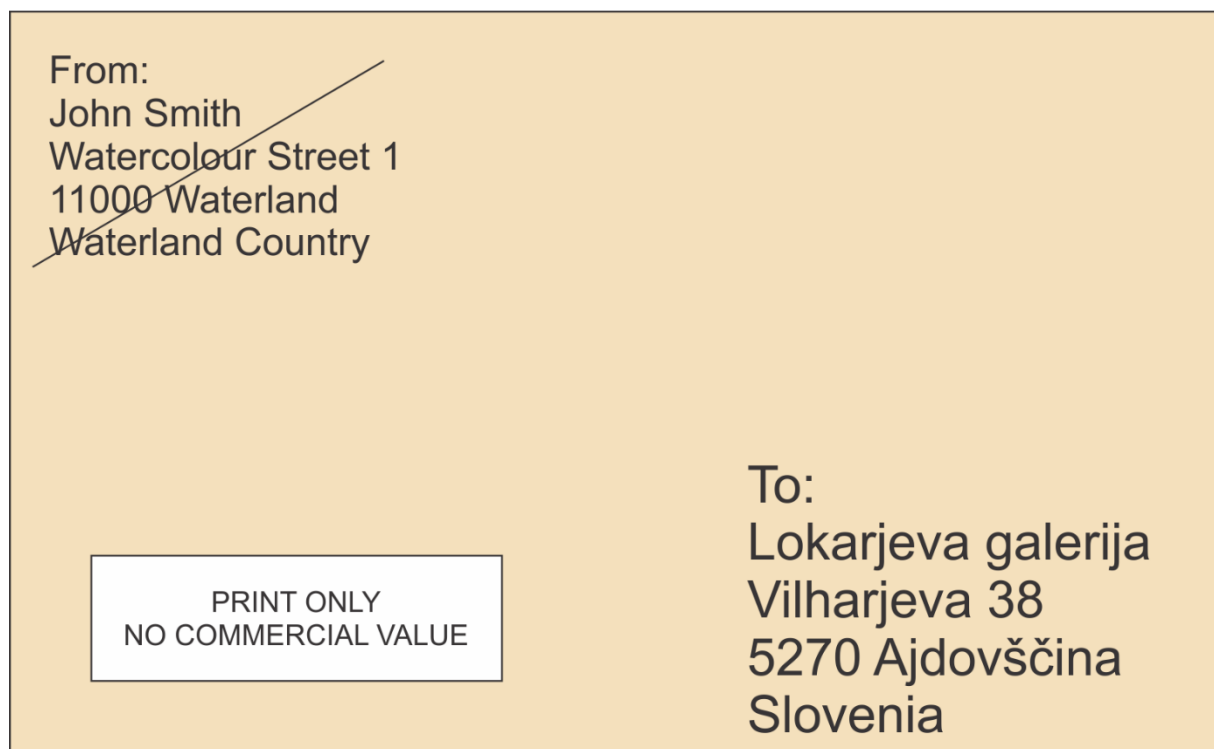
Your dates will be used for sending you updates about Mini Castra 2022 and for exposition invitations.

NAME	
SURNAME	
PARTICIPATION (underline or circle)	PRINTED CATALOGUE DIGITAL 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 win a financial award. If you do not have it, let us know before the exhibition.

2. Annex 2

An example of the envelope:



IMPORTANT:

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

3. Priloga 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 assure your address is written correctly when returning the watercolours, so please make sure it is **written on the computer, not by hand!**