



RULES

XVIII International Art Competition „The Garden of Beauty, Kindness and Joy”

Organizer:

Mr Ludomir Handzel Mayor of Nowy Sącz
Youth Palace in Nowy Sącz, Poland

2024 theme: Colourful bugs

Colourful insects run our gardens and doing so they are beneficial to the environment. Having bugs in the world are critical for maintaining ecosystems. Some of them pollinate many of our fruits, flowers and vegetables. They include bees, wasps, ants, flies, butterflies and moths. They visit flowers to feed on nectar and pollen. They transfer pollen in and between flowers of the same species which is essential to seed and fruit production for plants. Without them, we would not have the produce we enjoy and rely on.

We encourage young artists to portray colourful garden bugs and highlight their importance.

Age requirement

This juried art competition is open to children and youth aged **5 -18**.

Medium and format

1. The work can be expressed in any still medium: painting, drawing, collage, etc.
2. A chosen medium ought to be flat. The maximum format for an entry is **50 × 70 cm**.
3. Each contestant can send **one** or **a few pieces of art** and must be the creator of the art submitted to the competition. It must not be a copy of anyone else's copyrighted material.

Judging criteria:

- Does the artwork fit the theme of the competition?
- Is there a creative interpretation of the theme?
- Is the originality of the work interesting?

The judges will be looking for works of art which present the young artist's unique interpretation of the theme and how colours define their works.

The judges' decision is final.

Submission deadlines

All artworks must be submitted until **April 5, 2024**.

No artworks will be accepted past the posted deadline.

Artist notification

Winners will be notified by e-mail and on our website on **April 16, 2024**.

The certificates and prizes will be presented at the gallery opening on **April 22, 2024** at the Youth Palace.

All winning entries will be displayed on our website in the “**Multimedia Gallery**”.

Entry form

Mail-in entries must be accompanied by one original **Entry Form** per artist.

Each artwork must be clearly marked with the artist's name, age and the contact on a label stuck on the back.

Only properly marked works, together with fully completed Entry Forms will be accepted.

Works should be placed in an unsealed plastic sleeve and attached to the Entry Form.

Terms

1. By entering this competition you are granting us a license to reproduce images of your artwork on our website and in our newsletters, and in the marketing of the art competition to the general public.
2. Artworks will not be used for any other purpose than that which is stated here.
3. The works are not returned.

Please send your entries to: **Pałac Młodzieży, Rynek 14, 33-300 Nowy Sącz, Poland** (“**Colourful bugs**”)

Please send all questions regarding the competition to the coordinator Lucyna Urbańska at:
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