



RULES

XIX International Art Competition

„The Garden of Beauty, Kindness and Joy. Water features and wildlife”

Organizers:

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

2025 theme: Water features and wildlife

Water is essential for wildlife to thrive. Without water, gardens dry out and animals abandon them. Water isn't just for drinking. Amphibians like newts and frogs use water as shelter and breeding grounds. Butterflies get minerals and salts from puddles, and birds use water to bathe and remove parasites.

This year's edition is dedicated to the theme: **Water features and wildlife**. The theme highlights the role of water features such as ponds, bird baths, puddles, garden fountains, waterfalls but also streams, lakes and rivers. We encourage young artists to portray wildlife (animals and plants) attracted to these water features.

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. Acceptable examples of media include, but are not limited to: painting, drawing, photography, digital art, collage, mixed media.
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 **March 17, 2025**.

Foreign participants can send their original work by post to:

Pałac Młodzieży

Rynek 14

33-300 Nowy Sącz

Poland

However, the submission can be done online. This means that foreign participants ought to submit a scanned image or a good quality picture of their artwork and send to:

l.urbanska@palacmlodziezy.pl

Artist notification

Winners will be notified by e-mail and on our website on **March 25, 2025**

The certificates and prizes will be presented at the gallery opening on **March 28** at the Youth Palace.

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

Application form

Mail-in entries must be accompanied by one **Application 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 Application Forms will be accepted.

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

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