

Illustration Competition



Application 2025

"Grovigli" (tangles), the unique theme of the 2025 edition of the Festival, is not just a word but a concept that we want to expand to inspire what will be the work freely expressed by the participants. Young Artists' and Cartoonists' Competition

Abstract

Inchiostro Festival 2025 - "Grovigli" edition

Creativity via Illustration, Calligraphy and Art Print

I look around and see boundless, winding paths intertwining, crossing, and continuing onward. Thoughts and images flow in a dense interweaving of experiences and encounters, of stories and roots, of bonds and conflicts.

I live within a tangle that needs no unraveling, a web of social relationships, an intricate weave of activities and meanings that turn my space into a community. A network that supports and guides me, a network to traverse: no trap, only endless possibilities for growth.

Here and now, entangled and connected, we build our identity, defining and surpassing our boundaries.

"A work of art is an unfinished tapestry where threads dance in the wind. Anyone can take one and continue weaving." - Maria Lai

Rule book

Art. 1 - "Inchiostro Festival" association announces an illustration competition for young illustrators and cartoonists aimed at creating an exhibition on the occasion of the 2025 edition;

Art. 2 - Apply to the competition is free and open to all young people between the ages of 16 and 25 (at the shipment of the work), and aimed at non-professional Italian and foreign artists;

Art. 3 - Theme of the competition: "**Grovigli** (Tangles). Abstract and quote on:
<http://www.inchiostrofestival.com/web/tema-e-abstract-2025/?lang=en>

Art. 4 - Participants guarantee the authorial originality of the work presented, no part of the illustration can be generated by "text to image" artificial intelligence. In the event of images that have already been edited, the result of plagiarism or the use of AI, their exclusion will be declared

Art. 5 - The object of the competition is the creation of an illustrated table, which can be either in full color (with any range and shades) or in black and white (grayscale);

Art. 6 - Participants must physically send the completed work, size A4 (21X29.7 cm), in any technique on paper or cardboard. No larger size with passepartout or any other kind of frame will be taken into consideration. For digital images, a high definition print is required (equal or higher of 300 dpi, *.jpeg o *.tiff extension file);

Art. 7 - The sheet must be sent in a closed envelope to the festival office at reception: IL CHIOSTRO HOSTEL&HOTEL - Piazza Santa Maria di Castello, 14 - 15121 Alessandria, by post or courier (postage at the expense of the sender) or handed in (opening hours: monday to friday from 10:00 to 12:00 and from 16:00 to 18:00.), by and no later than Friday **23rd May 2025** at 12:00 o'clock, clearly labelled "**Concorso Inchiostro Festival**". All works arriving after this date will not be taken into consideration whatever the sending date;

Art. 8 - Participants must register by filling out the online form:
<http://www.inchiostrofestival.com/web/form-di-iscrizione-concorso-giovani-application-form-young-artists-com-petition/?lang=en>

Along with the original sheet, participants must enclose the signed entry form, previously sent online. If the candidate will be under 18 years old at the time of application they must have permission from a parent or legal guardian. All participants are invited to follow, share, comment and engage with the official festival social pages;

Art. 9 - Full personal data including name, surname, address, title of works submitted, e-mail and telephone number must be written in pencil also on the back of the original work;

Art. 10 - The tables in the competition will be evaluated by the Artistic Direction of Inchiostro Festival, with a Jury made up of the same guest artists of the "Riflessi" edition and by professionals with great experience in the sector. The jury's choices will be final and unappealable;

Art. 11 - The 10 most deserving will be selected, among all the works presented. These ones will be displayed in the "Sala dell'affresco" of the Cloister of Santa Maria di Castello, in Alessandria, as part of the **Inchiostro Festival - Edizione Riflessi**. Each selected work will be able to receive a written judgement which will be above all advice from professional artists, their contribution to improving the skills of the young participants and a stimulus to their talent;

Art. 12 - Among all those selected for the exhibition, the Jury will also establish a winner, a second and a third classified. All three winners will be invited as guest artists in the 2025 edition, where they will be able to sit alongside the other selected artists on the bill; they will be involved as guest artists in further initiatives carried out together with the partners of the Festival. Participation will always be included in posters and promotional communications. The first 10 selected will receive (during the festival) a kit of Pentel Italia professional materials;

Art. 13 - "*Franco Sassi*" Award: an illustration created with the engraving technique will be selected from among the works in competition. The author will win a master's degree aimed at printing his own original work in a limited edition (50 copies) to be made at one of the partner art print shops of Inchiostro Festival.

Art.14 - "C.atWork" Award: Among the competing works, one illustration will be selected for a special prize. The artist who demonstrates the greatest talent and aptitude for illustrated books, as judged by the artistic direction and art directors of C.atWork Agency, will win a professional development program. This includes a series of courses (worth over €1,500) designed to help them develop and publish their own illustrated book.

Art. 15 - The exhibition and the awards will take place as part of the "*Inchiostro Festival*" events. The names of the selected and winners will be disseminated in the press, on the internet and on our social channels;

Art. 16 - The tables sent will not be returned by shipping. Any refunds can be requested during the festival, at the production office of the event, or by e-mail to the organising board (competition@inchiostrofestival.com) for collection in person or through a delegate. However, no cost must be borne by the organisers;

Art. 17 - The Organisation reserves the right to keep in its archive the 10 tables that have become part of the exhibition, in the event that the possibility of a new display in other locations or within other events arises;

Art. 18 - Participants in the competition release the Organisation from any responsibility and for all issues that may arise, including accidental damage, loss, theft or fire of the works during transport, stay in the exhibition and 'any subsequent archiving;

Art. 19 - Participants recognize the Organisation the right to reproduce their works in a paper or digital catalogue, on the internet on the event site and on the social networks connected to it, on posters, leaflets or other printed materials relating to the exhibition itself, as well as on any other support useful for promoting the event. The Organisation, for its part, undertakes to name the author in each of these cases;

Art. 20 - Participation in the competition implies acceptance of all the rules contained in the regulation. The Organisation has the final judgement on the controversial cases and on what is not expressly provided for. Entry form to be attached to the work.

Art. 21 - Privacy Policy. The data of registered participants will be processed exclusively for purposes related to participation in the competition for young illustrators organized by "Inchiostro Festival." Personal data collected by our Association for participation in the festival will be processed in accordance with the law, specifically EU Regulation 2016/679 of the European Parliament, using predominantly electronic methods. Participants may exercise their right to access, modify, or delete their data at any time by submitting a request to: inchiostrofestival@pec.it.

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