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LEVANTE PRIZE 2026 SECOND EDITION

Promoted by Lecce Fine Art Academy, Tirana Art University, Rosario Gagliardi Fine Art Academy in Syracuse, Matera Design Institute, and sponsored by Shandong Women's University (SDWU), Hubei University of Automotive Technology, Association of Chinese Students and Scholars in Italy.

RULES

Levante Prize's aim, now in its second edition, is to highlight the works of young talents of Italian and Chinese nationality enrolled at Lecce Fine Art Academy, Tirana Art University, Rosario Gagliardi Fine Art Academy in Syracuse, Matera Design Institute, Shandong Women's University (SDWU), Hubei University of Automotive Technology, and all public and legally recognized Italian academies, inviting them to engage in dialogue through the universal art's language.

PRIZE

The purpose of this initiative is to facilitate and intensify cultural exchange, create a network by promoting discussion and highlighting the artistic research of Italian and Chinese students.

The Prize aspires to give space and prominence to the debate between traditional and digital graphic techniques. Permitted techniques: graphite, charcoal, pastel, ink, watercolor, engraving, woodcut, linocut, silkscreen, photopolymer, digital art, and mixed media.

For digital works (vector or raster), the maximum permitted size is A2 format (420x594 mm); uncompressed TIFF format; 300 dpi; 16-bit.

The selected digital works will be reproduced, at the expense of the Academy of Fine Arts of Lecce, using Fine Art printing.

Works created using traditional techniques will be acquired, in the original, in a format that strictly does not exceed 50x70 cm.

SELECTION OF WORKS AND EVALUATION COMMITTEE

Each participant may submit only one work in digital format (scanned image or photograph) and send it to levanteprize@accademialecce.edu.it, with a short author biography, description of the work, as shown in Attachment 1. The subject must include the following wording: "NOTIFICATION: name and surname; title of work; institution of origin."

The jury will be appointed by the Lecce Fine Art director, Professor Nunzio Fiore: one professor from Lecce Fine Art Academy, one selected among the promoting institutions, and one representative of the Association of Chinese Students and Scholars in Italy.

For submitting large files, we recommend using an online storage system without authentication: WeTransfer, Google Drive, Dropbox, Send Anywhere, or uploading to a private hosting service.

The jury will select a total of 25 works, divided as follows:

- 10 works by Italian and Chinese students from Lecce Fine Art Academy, Rosario Gagliardi Fine Art Academy in Syracuse, Matera Design Institute;
- 5 works by Tirana Art University, Shandong Women's University (SDWU), Hubei University of Automotive Technology;
- 10 works by Chinese students from public and legally recognized Italian academies.

The twenty-five works will be exhibited at the Lecce Fine Art Academy during the LEVANTE PRIZE - SECOND EDITION.

All selected artists will receive a certificate of participation in the competition.

The following prizes, totaling €3,500, will be awarded:

- First place: Italian student from Lecce Fine Art Academy, Rosario Gagliardi Fine Art Academy in Syracuse, Matera Design Institute - €500;
- First place: Asian student Lecce Fine Art Academy, Rosario Gagliardi Fine Art Academy in Syracuse, Matera Design Institute - €500;
- First place: Student from Tirana Art University, Shandong Women's University (SDWU), Hubei University of Automotive Technology - €500;
- First place: Chinese student from public and legally recognized Italian Academies - €500;
- Special Art and Environment Award for the work that demonstrates attention to eco-friendly practices and content - €500;
- Overall winner of all categories - €1,000.

HOW TO PARTICIPATE

Applications must be submitted to levanteprize@accademialecce.edu.it no later than 2:00 PM, April 27, 2026, by **Attachment 1** of this call. The selection and publication of the ranking will be announced on the official website of the Lecce Fine Art Academy and on Exibart on April 30, 2026. The original works selected for the exhibition must be received no later than May 7, 2026.

The award ceremony and the exhibition opening will take place on May 21, 2026, and the exhibition will remain open until May 31, 2026.

The Lecce Fine Art Academy will provide its premises for the exhibition and will be responsible for its organization, production, publicity, and management.

The institutions, to the extent of their jurisdiction, will ensure the dissemination and communication of this announcement.

The rights relating to the dissemination of the works created for the LEVANTE PRIZE 2026 SECOND EDITION, as well as the winning works acquired or printed by the Academy, belong to the Academy itself, and any use of these will not entail the payment of any compensation to the author.

Each participant will retain full intellectual property rights.

IL PRESIDENTE

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