STRABAG ART

Award Guidelines 2027

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STRABAG SE is a European based technology group for construction services, a leader in innovation and financial strength. Its services span all areas of the construction industry and cover the entire construction value chain.

STRABAG ART serves an international art sponsorship with the organisation of the STRABAG ART Award, the exhibition activities at STRABAG ART Site in Vienna and the establishment and care of the STRABAG ART Collection, permanently presented at more than 80 office locations all over Europe.

The STRABAG ART Award spotlights emerging talents in painting and drawing up to 40 years. The award celebrates the future of European art and will be awarded for the 32nd time in 2027.

Participating Countries 2027–2029

Bulgaria, Montenegro, North Macedonia, Serbia and Austria

Online Application: 11–25 January 2027

Schedule

All participants must apply online at strabag.art from 11 to 25 January 2027.

Eligible in the fields of painting and drawing are three works of art (one or multiple parts), which are essential for the jury's decision.

The three chosen works must be explained with a short statement.

Please find details about the application process online.

Preliminary jury

Based on the submissions online, the jury makes a selection for the final jury session. From 12 March 2027, all artists will be notified in writing. The preselected artists will be presented with their artworks at strabag.art.

Submission of original works

All nominees submit the three originals specified in the online application.
The original artworks should be delivered to the STRABAG offices in Belgrade, Podgorica, Skopje, Sofia or Vienna.

Transport of the artworks to the specific STRABAG building is at the artists' own costs and risk. A collective transport from the specific STRABAG offices to Vienna will be organized by STRABAG ART.

Final jury

The final jury will meet on 22 April 2027 in the STRABAG headquarters in Vienna. All nominees will be notified in writing from 23 April 2027.

Return of original works

The returned artworks must be collected at the specific STRABAG offices in Belgrade, Podgorica, Skopje, Sofia or Vienna. The artworks of the five shortlisted artists will remain in Vienna for the group exhibition.

Award ceremony: 10 June 2027

At the award ceremony and the opening of the group exhibition on 10 June 2027 at the STRABAG headquarters in Vienna, the main prize winner will be announced and the four recognition prizes will be presented. A catalogue will be published as part of the ceremony.

Schedule Overview

11.01. – 25.01.2027
Online Application

12.03.2027
Notification

Beginning of April 2027
Submission of the original artworks

22.04.2027
Jury session

Beginning of May 2027
Return of the original artworks

10.06.2027
Award ceremony

Starting September 2027
Solo exhibitions of the winners in Vienna at the STRABAG ART Site

Prize Fund

A main prize of

16.000 €

Four recognition prizes of

8.000 €

In addition, artworks of the winners might be purchased for the STRABAG ART Collection.

After the award ceremony and the group exhibition of all prize-winning works, each of the five award winners will have a solo exhibition at STRABAG ART Site in Vienna.

The award winners can apply for the Artist-in-Residence-programme at STRABAG ART Studios in Vienna.

Jury

The jury members of STRABAG ART Award 2027 are art experts from the participating countries:

Milica Bezmarević
Curator, Museum of Contemporary Art, Podgorica

Miroslav Karić
Curator, Museum of Contemporary Art, Belgrade

Jovanka Popova
Curator, Press to Exit Project Space, Skopje

Thomas D. Trummer
Director, Kunsthaus Bregenz

Martina Yordanova
Curator, National Gallery, Sofia

Sebastian Haselsteiner
Head, STRABAG ART, Vienna

Eligibility Criteria & Legal Recourse

Eligible participants are artists who are permanently resident in Bulgaria, Montenegro, North Macedonia, Serbia or Austria. Applicants must be citizens of the relevant country or be able to provide evidence that they have been resident in one of the participating countries for at least two years.
In addition, Ukrainian citizens currently residing in one of the participating countries are eligible to participate, regardless of the duration of their stay.

Participants of STRABAG ART Award must be born in or after the year 1987. Parental leave can be taken into account when considering the age limit.

Applicants must have an academic artistic education (art academy, art college, university) or comparable professional experience in the gallery and/or museum environment.

All participants accept the findings of the jury. Any recourse to legal action is excluded.

Every participant is the copyright holder. The submitted works of art will remain the property of the participant.

The participant agrees that in connection with STRABAG ART Award their submitted works of art may be presented, photographed, printed and published online – unlimited and free-of-charge.

Submitted works of art must not have been awarded any further public art prize and must be owned by the participant. In the event of receiving the STRABAG ART Award, STRABAG ART will have a right to purchase the submitted artworks. The purchase price is agreed to be the insurance value stated at the time of submission.

The participants are responsible for the accuracy of their information. Due to wrong statements, STRABAG ART may refrain from awarding the prize.

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