

**Open call
for graphic arts
exhibition and
competition**



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Rules and conditions of entry

Open call for 8th graphic arts exhibition and competition Miniprint Finland 2014 organized by Graphic Artist Association of Lahti and Hyvinkää Art Museum, Finland. Jurying will take place in two stages. Electronically sent images (Stage 1) will be Juried and the chosen artists will be informed and asked to send their original artworks for the final selection (Stage 2).

Participation for the first stage is free. Registration fee, for artists selected to Stage 2, is **40 €**. This covers the handling costs of the parcels.

The exhibition is open to all artists. This year there will be two separate categories: The common category consists of the traditional printing techniques, including monoprint methods and digitally printed works. The second category is the Ex-libris category.

Theme

Common category

The theme is “Infinity” ∞, it refers to something unbounded, *without any* limit. It has different meaning in fields science like mathematics, philosophy or theology. It can be interpreted in conceptual ways.

Ex-libris (bookplates) category

The Latin words *ex libris* freely translated means: My book / a book from my shelf / Belongs to my library. There is no specific theme in ex libris category. The themes on the bookplates very often describe things that are important in the life of the owner of the book, i.e. profession, hobbies, neighbourhood, family, values etc. More information on ex libris: www.exl.fi/koodihakemisto/in_english.html

Awards

Grand Prix **2000 €**

1 – 3 Honourable prizes **1000 €** each

1 – 3 Honourable mentions by the Jury

Popular prize **500 €** – “Spectators’ favourite”
voted by the visitors of the exhibition

Works

Send no more than 3 artworks.

Size limits

Original artwork's size should not exceed **20 × 17 × 5 cm**.
If the work is attached to a background cardboard, it should be exactly **35 × 30 cm** in size.

Important dates

15th September 2013	Deadline for Stage 1 (electronic)
30th September 2013	Results will be announced online
31st October 2013	Deadline for Stage 2 (originals) (Parcels should arrive in Lahti by this date, postal stamp is NOT enough)
29th November 2013	The final selections of the Jury will be published online end of November.

The results of both stages will be published online:
www.lahdentaidegraafikot.fi/miniprint2014

Entry fee

For electronic Stage 1 there is no entry fee.

Entry fee for Stage 2 is **40 €**.
(Please note, banks take their commission fees for money transfer)

The fee for Stage 2 covers a part of handling the artworks, jurying and return postage.

When selected to the stage 2, artists will be given detailed instructions for the money transfer and sending the original artworks to be juried.

Stage 1

Sending the proposals

Please send the completed participation form along with the images of your work (max 3) **before 15th September 2013** to: miniprintfinland2014@gmail.com

Each image should be **jpeg** format, **72dpi** resolution and not exceed **1M** in size.

Artists whose works are selected for the Stage 2 are informed by email. Results of the Stage 1 will also be published on the website: www.lahdentaidegraafikot.fi/miniprint2014 by the end of September.

Stage 2

Sending the original artworks

Artists selected for Stage 2 will be notified personally and further guided how to send their original artworks for jurying.

Catalogue

An online catalogue will be published (1 artwork / Artist)
If possible, the organizers will publish a printed catalogue of the exhibition including one photo of artwork from each selected artist.

Chosen artists for the main exhibition

Names of selected artists will be published online:
www.lahdentaidegraafikot.fi/miniprintfinland2014
after the Jury's decision. (**29th November**)

All selected artists will be informed by email. All prize winners, as well as the honourable mentioned artists will be notified also by traditional mail. The prize winners will be announced to the public and media on the opening day of the exhibition. The popular prize winner, voted by the exhibition visitors will be published after the exhibition is over.

Excluded works from the exhibition will be returned after the jury's decision before **15th January 2014** at the expense of the organizer. The Jury's decision cannot be reclaimed.

The awarded graphic prints will become property of Graphic Artist Association of Lahti.

The organizers will take 30 % commission fee in case of selling the prints from the exhibition.

Although all the prints will be handled with maximum care, the voluntary insurance can be taken by the artist.

The unsold exhibited prints will be returned within three months from the closing date of the exhibition. Meanwhile also the payment of sold works will be transferred into the artists bank accounts.

By sending the participation form, the artist will accept these rules of the competition.