



OBRA ABIERTA

PREMIO INTERNACIONAL de ARTES PLÁSTICAS

The Caja de Extremadura Banking Foundation (Fundación Bancaria Caja de Extremadura), committed to the development and promotion of art and culture as well as the support to artistic creation, announces Obra Abierta, The International Plastic Arts Award, conforming to the following:

RULES

1. The Caja de Extremadura Banking Foundation announces the seventh edition of **OBRA ABIERTA, The INTERNATIONAL PLASTIC ARTS AWARD**, which preserves and unifies its artistic tradition and patronage.

2. All artists, regardless of their nationality and place of residence, may participate in this Award, subject to registration as established in these Rules.

3. Each participant shall present only one artwork that is either created or owned by them, in any of the disciplines that are determined by art at present: a) painting and its expansion, b) sculpture, c) photography, and d) digital art, video, performance and art intervention.

4. The submitted artworks may be on themes of own choice, shall be original and not have been awarded in any other competition, presentation, exposition, viewing, showcasing event or public exhibition of any kind.

5. The artworks shall meet the following technical requirements based on their category:

- a) **Painting:** The measurements of any of its sides shall not be less than 85 cm nor more than 250 cm. Provided that its format and support base allow it, the art piece shall have only one 2 to 3 cm thick protective frame. In any case, the artwork shall have a protective system that helps prevent damage during its transport and handling until the time it is returned.
- b) **Sculpture:** The measurement of its major diagonal axis shall not exceed 180 cm. In a format and material of own choice, provided that it can be transported and handled without compromising its integrity.
- c) **Photography:** The printed area of the photograph shall not be less than 85 cm nor more than 180 cm on any of its sides. The technique, medium and format may be of own choice. A protective glass lamina is not allowed, but adequate protection will be necessary to prevent deterioration.
- d) **Digital art, videos, performances:** A digital format that allows its viewing, evaluation, analysis and storage, without causing damage to the artwork will be admissible. The maximum time duration shall not exceed 10 minutes.

6. The registrations, which shall be done online at www.fundacioncajaextremadura.es/obraabierta webpage, will be open from **March 15 to May 15, 2018**, both inclusive.

7. The Award is endowed with an amount of **€10,000** towards the winning artwork and **€5,000** towards the art acquisition fund.
8. The jury of Obra Abierta, The International Plastic Arts Award, will be composed of famous faces from the world of art and culture and shall be revealed at the appropriate moment.
9. The jury's verdict shall be made public in September 2018 on the opening day of the exhibition of Obra Abierta, in Plasencia (Cáceres).
10. The Award and the acquisitions, if any, shall be pursuant to the applicable regulations on tax matters and their amount shall be personally delivered to their beneficiaries, at the opening ceremony of the exhibition of Obra Abierta in September 2018 in Plasencia (Cáceres).
11. The artworks shall be presented by their respective owners by accessing the electronic registration form that appears on the www.fundacioncajaextremadura.es/obraabierta webpage and completing all of its sections.
12. The Caja de Extremadura Banking Foundation will send an email to the participants, confirming the receipt along with their registration number.
13. Once the documentation of the participants has been received, the jury will carry out a selection process, which shall never exceed thirty artworks, and shall hold two art pieces "in reserve" without these having to be exhibited, unless otherwise decided by the jury.
14. After the selection of artworks, the Caja de Extremadura Banking Foundation will contact the selected artists, requesting them to send the original piece of art for its exhibition. Under no circumstances will any correspondence be maintained regarding the artworks that are not selected.
15. Once the selected artworks are deposited at the indicated address, the jury shall get together to carry out the verdict of the competition.
16. In the event that any artwork does not match the one presented in the documents of registration or has some kind of defect not mentioned in the sent documentation, it will be subject to the jury's decision. If rejected, the jury may recover any of the pieces held in reserve for such situation, according to Rule 13th of this Official Announcement.
17. The selected artworks, together with the award and the acquisitions, if any, will compose the exhibition of *OBRA ABIERTA, The International Plastic Arts Award*.
18. The awarded artwork and the acquisitions, if any, will become the property of the Caja de Extremadura Banking Foundation, to whom their owners shall gratuitously transfer the exploitation rights of their artwork in the form of reproduction, public disclosure and distribution.
19. The Caja de Extremadura Banking Foundation reserves the possibility to design a programme of touring exhibitions. The owners, of the selected artworks that have not been awarded or acquired by the Caja de Extremadura Banking Foundation, shall agree upon gratuitously transferring the title of their artworks for a period of one year, starting from the date on which the jury's verdict has been announced. This transfer, furthermore, includes the rights of reproduction, exhibition, showcasing and public disclosure in its broadest sense, during the aforementioned period. The Foundation undertakes to keep them informed of the said tour programme, if any, on a regular basis.
20. The shipping costs of the artwork, including that of the transport insurance and of customs clearance, if any, shall be borne by the participant. The Caja de Extremadura Banking Foundation will bear the costs associated with the returning of artwork after the closing ceremony of the exhibition of *OBRA ABIERTA, The International Plastic Arts Award*, or if applicable, of the tours, if any.
21. The Caja de Extremadura Banking Foundation will not provide any insurance that covers possible deterioration of the artwork; nevertheless, it will use its best efforts in the care and

conservation of the received artworks during the time they remain in its custody, but declines any responsibility for loss, damage, theft or any other act that may occur during its transport, storage or exhibition, as well as on account of incorrect packaging. The packaging, on behalf of the artist, shall be rigid and in a box or a similar form, which allows for it to be easily opened and shut for reuse during the transfer to the exhibition and for its subsequent return.

22. The collected personal information will be incorporated into the database of Caja de Extremadura Banking Foundation, which is responsible for these records, and will be utilised for the purpose of addressing the application received.

23. The participant expressly authorises the Caja de Extremadura Banking Foundation to use their information with the purpose of sending advertisements to their home address, in addition to the information about cultural events, conferences and publications promoted by the Foundation, or in collaboration with other entities, that may be of interest to them. At any time, the applicant may exercise the rights of access, rectification, cancellation or opposition to the use of such information, that they are entitled to, by contacting the Foundation by email.

24. After the closing ceremony of the exhibition or its tours, if any, the participating artworks, with the exception of the awarded artwork and the acquisitions, shall be returned to the contestants within a period of three months from the end of the exhibition. The artworks shall be sent to the author at the address specified in the registration form of this Official Announcement.

25. The participation in *OBRA ABIERTA, The International Plastic Arts Award*, implies the complete acceptance of the Rules, processes and jury's verdict.

26. Any circumstances not appearing in these Rules shall be resolved at the discretion of the jury and the Caja de Extremadura Banking Foundation.

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