

CALL FOR ARTISTS
30th MINIARTEXTIL COMO

The ARTE&ARTE Cultural Association is organising the 30th edition of the MINIARTEXTIL International Fibre Art Exhibition. The exhibition will be inaugurated in Como on Saturday, 26th September until Sunday, 22nd November 2020. The international tour will follow in 2021, starting from the Montrouge Paris exhibition venue and continuing to other destinations.

The exhibition venues will include the Antonio Ratti cultural space – the former Church of San Francesco, the former Church of San Pietro in Atrio, the Pinacoteca Civica, the Palazzo del Broletto and the Silk Museum. All exhibition venues are located within Como city centre.

ADMISSION REQUIREMENTS

This call is open to artists and designers who wish to enter a work of fibre art made with textile techniques and/or materials. The aim of the exhibition is to promote and disseminate fibre art as an expressive means of contemporary art, highlighting its techniques and methods of realisation.

The work must adhere to the following definition: **original work made by hand or, where the technique is controlled by the artist, executed using textile materials or techniques; it may be two or three dimensional. The dimensions of the work must be exactly 20x20x20 centimetres.** The use of a passe partout is prohibited. The work is not intended to be hung or suspended from a frame, and must not require a connection to mains electricity.

Mini textiles have always been the heart of the Miniartextil exhibition project, whose name derives from the miniature works first submitted in Como in 1991. *Over the course of the last century, art transcended all tradition, was no longer content with canvas and paint, marble, wood or bronze and found a highly respectable home in the world of textiles: the thread became a fundamental element of investigation of surface and space; the weave became a moment of encounter and comparison; and amalgamation with other materials became an act of discovery of unusual*

relationships. (..) The small size of the works is certainly not reductive, but clearly document the expressive possibilities of fibre art.

From the critical text by Luigi Cavadini on the occasion of the first edition of Miniartextil.

Admission of works to the exhibition is subject to an incontestable selection by an international jury, directly nominated by the ARTE&ARTE Cultural Association, which will meet in May 2020 and which, besides selecting the 54 pieces that will subsequently be exhibited, will also confer the annual ARTE&ARTE AWARD.

In addition, some of the selected works may be exhibited in the exhibition's important side events currently being organised, or in other important institutional locations. These projects are currently being considered by the organisers and curators: interested artists will be promptly informed.

PARTICIPATION DEADLINES AND METHOD

DATE OF CALL PUBLICATION	20 th January 2020
CLOSING DATE OF THE CALL	11 th April 2020
JURY MEETING	May 2020
COMMUNICATION OF SELECTED WORKS	May 2020
SENDING SELECTED WORKS TO COMO	by 20 th June 2020
OPENING OF MINIARTEXTIL 2020 IN COMO	26 th September 2020
MINIARTEXTIL 2020 FINISSAGE IN COMO	22 nd November 2020
START OF INTERNATIONAL TOUR	February 2021
END OF INTERNATIONAL TOUR	September 2021

To participate in the call, artists must send the following materials to contest@miniartextil.it via WeTransfer or Dropbox, to arrive no later than 11th April 2020:

Fully completed entry form attached to the call

Statement on the work and short curriculum vitae of the artist

Three high-definition images of the work, which must be anonymous and without any kind of written indication

When submitting your application, a contribution of €30.00 - thirty is also required to cover secretarial and archive expenses, to be paid in one of the ways listed below:

Online, on the website www.miniartextil.it under the heading shop

By bank transfer to the current account in the name of Arte&Arte

Account number 262609 BIC ACARIT22

IBAN IT36 R084 3010 9000 0000 0262 609

Cassa Rurale e Artigiana di Cantù - Como branch, Piazza Grimoldi

The following must be specified in the payment purpose: *name and surname of the artist and entry 30th Miniartextil 2020*

Any payment processing costs will be paid by the artist

Whatever payment method you choose, you must attach the payment receipt to the application form

Applications that do not respect the deadlines or do not include the documents and/or procedures described above will not be taken into consideration.

ADDITIONAL INFORMATION

Following the publication of the selection results made by the jury appointed by the ARTE&ARTE Cultural Association, selected artists must send their works by shipping, stating the content as a textile sample not intended for sale, and with a declared value of euro 5/five for the sole purpose of customs.

ARTE&ARTE will require the artist to reimburse any expenses and charges incurred and not foreseen.

The following are the responsibility of ARTE&ARTE:

Provision of exhibition spaces

Exhibition set-up

Custody and cultural mediation service during the exhibition opening period

General insurance of the exhibited works

Promotion and communication activities

Return of the works at the end of the international tour

The following are the responsibility of selected artists:

Shipping your work to Como with insurance coverage

Payment of the registration fee

As part of the promotion and communication activities, the organisation reserves the right to create images and video footage and/or use information relating to the cultural activity of the artists involved in the project for purposes related to the production of the exhibition catalogue, press releases and for the promotion of the exhibition on the website www.miniartextil.it and on the social media channels of ARTE&ARTE. By accepting participation in this call for artists, the artist consents to the use of images and information related to his/her work for the purposes described above.

The documentation that each participant must send will be kept in the ARTE&ARTE MINIARTEXTIL archive

ARTE&ARTE shall not be responsible for photographic images taken by visitors during the exhibition opening period

In the event that ARTE&ARTE concludes agreements with public or private institutions – whether domestic or international – each artist grants his/her approval to the exhibition of his/her work by agreeing to participate in this call for artists. Artists will be promptly informed by ARTE&ARTE.

By signing and sending the attached entry form, the artist accepts the above details specified in each point of this call for artists.

For any clarification, additional information or anything else, you can email us at contest@miniartextil.it

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ENTRY FORM

First name

Last name

Date of birth

Nationality

Address and Telephone

Email address (compulsory)

Title of the work

Height

Width

Depth

Execution date of the work

Technique and Materials

Description of the work and its message (compulsory)

Value of work for insurance

In its capacity as processing controller, Arte&Arte guarantees and ensures that your personal data are always processed in compliance with the rules provided by EU Regulation 2016/679 ("GDPR") and the relevant national legislation on data protection. All informations on our website www.miniartextil.it

By signing this from, the artist accepts the attached conditions of participation.

Signature