



## **THIRD INTERNATIONAL EXLIBRIS COMPETITION VARNA ORGANIZED BY LARGO ART GALLERY, VARNA 08 August – 26 September 2018**

The third edition of the International Exlibris Competition Varna, organized by Largo Art Gallery, will be held during the months of August – September 2018. The deadline for submitting works was June 20. To date, more than 170 authors from 32 countries have arrived.

The competition jury will meet in Varna to evaluate the artworks from July 20 to July 22. For the third time the Artistic Director of the competition is the famous Bulgarian artist and master of graphics- Julian Jordanov. The Chairman of the jury is Dimo Kolibov, artist, lecturer at the Department of Graphics at the Faculty of Fine Arts of the National Academy of Fine Arts, Sofia. The members of the jury are Hristo Kerin (Bulgaria), artist, lecturer and head of the Department of Graphics at the Faculty of Fine Arts at Veliko Tarnovo University of Veliko Tarnovo, Anna Tihonova - Jordanova (Belarus) curator of the exlibris collection of the Museum of Modern Art in Minsk, Konstantin Antyukin (Ukraine), artist and Dimo Milanov, (Bulgaria), artist.

The winners of the competition will be officially announced at the opening of the exhibition with the selected works on 08 August 2018 at 18:30 in the gallery on 8 Han Krum Street. As part of the accompanying program that night in Hall 2 of the gallery we will be opening a solo exhibition of the winner in the second edition of the competition, the Bulgarian artist Veselin Damyanov - Ves.

In fulfilling the mission of the competition, the organizer Largo Art Gallery presented the first edition of the International Exlibris Contest Varna as a traveling exhibition in 2014 and 2015 in six cities of Bulgaria, in schools and universities of arts and in private galleries. The second edition was also shown in a traveling exhibition at art schools and at two community centers in Varna. The competition was also heavily advertised abroad, especially among younger artists. This organizer policy is showing results because in this third edition we already have several participants - Bulgarian graphic students, as well as the artworks of 14 Chinese students from the Tianjin Academy of Fine Arts have arrived from far China.

The first of the accompanying events of the third edition of the International Exlibris Competition Varna is the exhibition of graphics by Julian Jordanov and Anna Tikhonova- Jordanova, which will open on July 20 at Largo Art Gallery.

International Exlibris Competition Varna is realized with the financial support of Varna Municipality through the Culture Fund. More information about the competition can be found on its website: [www.exlibris-competition-varna.org](http://www.exlibris-competition-varna.org).

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