



FOURTH INTERNATIONAL EXLIBRIS COMPETITION VARNA

ORGANIZER: LARGO ART GALLERY

22 September – 13 October 2021

On September 22, 2021, at 6:00 p.m., the exhibition with the selected works in the fourth edition of the International ExLibris Competition Varna will open in Largo Art Gallery. And this time, the International Exlibris Competition Varna was financially supported by the Municipality of Varna through the Culture Fund. Works from over 200 authors from 38 countries were received for participation in the contest at the address of the gallery.

The competition jury will gather in the maritime capital for its work from September 20 to 21. Its chairman for the third time in a row is the famous Bulgarian artist Assoc. Dimo Kolibarov, who is also a teacher at the Graphics Department of the Faculty of Fine Arts of the National Academy of Arts, Sofia. Members of the jury are Anna Tikhonova (Belarus), artist, curator of the exlibris collection of the Museum of Modern Art in Minsk, Rumen Nechev (Bulgaria), artist, prize winner in the third edition of the competition, Dimo Milanov, (Bulgaria), artist and Nelly Valcheva (Bulgaria), director of the competition and of the Largo Art Gallery. The artistic director of the International ExLibris Competition Varna for the fourth time is the famous Bulgarian artist and exlibris master Julian Jordanov.

In the fourth edition of the competition, numerous prizes will be awarded. In addition to the traditional first, second and third prizes, a prize for a young author, a prize of the International Jury, a prize for special creative achievements will again be awarded in the name of Eduard Penkov. In this edition, for the fourth time, we are supported by the Association of Artists - Varna, which will once again award its prize - a bronze plaque. The Varna company Zariba has been awarded a sponsorship award.

This year, Largo Gallery will present a special award in the name of Jordan Petkov, the founder of the gallery and the main supporter of the competition since its inception. Jordan passed from this world in early November 2020, cut down by Covid 19 in the prime of his powers and creative energy. He was a supporter of art, supporting numerous projects and charitable initiatives of the gallery. Jordan was a unique specialist worldwide in the field of modification of musical instruments. Jordan's family is establishing an award in his memory because individuals like him are a shining example of generosity, selflessness, integrity and love of art. The award will be presented by family members for a exlibris created in his memory.

The winner of the competition and the award-winning authors will be officially announced during the opening of the exhibition with the selected works on September 22, 2021 at 6:00 p.m. at the Largo Art Gallery.

The accompanying program of the Varna International Exlibris Competition includes several events. On September 22, in Hall 2 of the gallery, immediately after the announcement of the awards, a solo exhibition will be opened - the graphics of the winner of the third edition of the competition, the Ukrainian master of graphics Oleg Denisenko. On the same day, before the official opening, from 17:00 in hall 1 of the gallery, a lecture will be held with a demonstration on the preparation of handmade paper by the famous Bulgarian graphic artist and winner of many prestigious awards Rumen Nechev - a member of the competition jury.

A side event of the competition will be the talk "The Magic of Graphics" with the leading Varna artist Dimo Milanov, who will demonstrate the process of creating an etching. The date of this event is Friday, September 24, 2021, at 6:00 p.m., and the venue is the Largo Gallery.

In compliance with the measures to limit the spread of Covid 19, the two accompanying events will have a limited number of visitors and advance registration.

After the closing of the exhibition in the Largo Gallery, from October 18, 2021, the representative exhibition will be shown in the Varna National School of Arts "Dobri Hristov". From November 1, 2021, the exhibition will be visiting the "Asparuhovo Art" gallery in the "Prosveta 1927" People's Community Center, Varna.

The International Exlibris Competition Varna is realized with the financial support of the Municipality of Varna through the Culture Fund. Largo Gallery, as the organizer, sincerely thanks the sponsors of the competition - "Largonet" OOD, the favorite restaurants of Varna residents Godzilla, the Association of Artists - Varna, the Varna company Zariba - a gaming developer with a worldwide reputation, Hotel "Royal" - a pearl in the crown of old Varna. More information about the competition can be found on its website: www.exlibris-competition-varna.org and on the website of the Largo Gallery www.largogallery.com.

Nelly Valcheva, Executive Director

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