

TYPA letterpress and paper art centre

LINOCUT CONTEST 2025

'Ex Libris'

Terms and Conditions

Please read these conditions and terms of entry carefully. By entering this contest artists agree to comply with the following terms:

CONTEST AIMS

The aim of the Linocut Contest, organized by TYPA, is to promote original artwork in linocut printmaking to new audiences. TYPA's Linocut Contest is a yearly event, celebrating Estonian and international printmakers of all ages. Every year we invite artists from all over to take part by submitting their linocut printed artworks into our exhibition. The exhibition is also accompanied by a series of workshops, held at TYPA.

EX-LIBRIS

This year, Estonia celebrates the Year of the Book, and TYPA has chosen Ex Libris for the theme of its annual contest. Latin for "from the books" or "from the library," Ex Libris refers to decorative or printed labels placed inside books to show ownership. These often feature motifs that characterise the person or facility. Ex Libris usually include the owner's name with the inscription.

The 2025 exhibition will take place from the 8th of May until the 29th of June.

ELIGIBILITY

- The contest is open to all artists and non-artist from all over the world and of all ages. Anyone can join, except for the TYPA staff and organisational team.
- Artists can submit **1 artwork**, which will only be eligible to win in one category.
- Artists warrant that their submissions are their own original work, and do not infringe on the copyright of other artists.

REQUIREMENTS

- Artworks should be printed on A5 paper (14.8 x 21 cm). Other sized papers will not be considered nor returned. The image can be smaller than A5 - fitting with the Ex-Libris style.
- True to the historic form, artwork should contain the words "Ex Libris" and the name of the artist [this can consist of either; the artist's full name; first name; last name; initials or an artist's mark].
- The plates must be cut from linoleum or other linoleum-like soft materials. Mixed media works will not be considered nor returned.
- The artworks must be well packaged to avoid damage (we recommend flat packing with a hard cardboard) and sent without passe-partout or any other form of mounting.
- The TYPA team reserves the right to disqualify and not return any artwork that does not follow the requirements of the contest.
- The name of the artists and the title of the artwork must be written on the back of the print. Moreover, they must submit their personal details and register artwork through [this form](#). This information includes:
 - Name
 - Date of birth
 - Country of origin or residency
 - Email address
 - Phone number
 - Title of the artwork
 - Address (to which we should send the artwork back) and confirmation if the artist wishes the artwork to be returned after the contest and the exhibition

SUBMISSION

Artists can submit their artwork by delivering it to TYPА or sending it by post to:

TYPА Centre
Kastani 48f, 50410 Tartu
Estonia

Packing of the artwork so it will not be damaged on delivery is the sender's responsibility. TYPА has the right to not consider nor return the damaged artworks.

The artwork must be submitted no later than **April 8th, 2025** (the postmark date will serve as proof).

WINNERS

Winners will be announced in four categories:

- **Grand Prix**
- **Youth Prize** (under 16 years, included)
- **Public Prize**
- **TYPА Special Prize**

Grand Prix and Youth Prize winners will be selected by the artists' committee (consisting of the winners of the previous year contest).

The Public Prize winner will be selected by an online voting system found on Facebook. TYPА will post the information and details about the Public's Prize vote after the contest deadline on Facebook and on the website.

The TYPА Special Prize winner will be selected by the TYPА team.

The winners will be announced at the end of the exhibition.

The prizes will be arranged after the winners are announced. TYPА will get in touch with the winners to agree on the purchase of their artworks.

EXHIBITION

- By submitting works artists permit TYPA to photograph, exhibit and display their work and the photos on TYPA's website, social media, and in the physical exhibition.
- Please note that not all submitted works will be displayed in the physical exhibition. However, they will all be exhibited on our website and/or social media platforms.

RETURN OF ARTWORK

- The artworks will be returned only when requested during the submission process.
- In case returning of the work was not requested, the work will not be returned, and they will remain at TYPA's disposal.
- The artworks will be returned to artists via post at the artist's expense if they have confirmed this on submitting the information. Estonian based artists can pick up their artworks from TYPA or ask to have their artworks sent via post at their expense.

RESPONSIBILITY

The responsibility for loss or damage caused during the transportation is not the responsibility of TYPA. Artists are advised to arrange adequate insurance to cover such risks. Although we take the utmost care of all works received, TYPA shall not be liable for any loss or damage to the artwork.

Any suspicion of cheating or foul play will result in disqualification at TYPA's discretion.