

26th international art contest A Place of Change

A human life is brief and limitless. Places and moments leave an indelible mark on us; they guide our way and determine our relationship to the world.

Humans have always deviated from the other species. Consider how this fragile and helpless defied the beasts and the elements and ultimately tamed and conquered Earth.

The water you drink today is the same water in which the first algae found refuge and which the dinosaurs drank. Have you ever thought about how trees communicate with one another? Energy is everywhere. It circulates among different species in intertwined ecosystems without rest. All of us want to last in time.

And what will our time spent on Earth be like?

We have already read and heard about, meditated and cried over the uncertainty of our time, the decay of the existing system, various speculations and the negative impacts of our actions. Far too much. Old societal wounds have reopened. So much has lodged itself in our collective subconscious that we are not the same and the consequences of our present choices will echo in the universe for ages. We can give in to despair and pessimism, let melancholy whittle away at our common sense. We can intoxicate ourselves with indifference and ignorance and dig for ourselves an early grave of twisted ideals, consumerism, and the exploitation of the resources in Mother Earth's bosom.

Each day anew, with each breath given, our being chooses which wind to allow to fill our sails.

Let's burst free from our cocoons of slumber and act.

It is heartening, trust us!

May your strokes, palettes, imprints and drawing papers become Places of Change.

We invite you to express your thoughts and ideas through art.

The contest *A Place of Change* is open to students from grades 1 to 9 (ages 6 to 15) and students in special programs.

Each mentor can submit up to 10 artworks, which must be no larger than the A2 format (420 mm x 594 mm).

We only accept two-dimensional artworks. They must not be framed or mounted.

You can submit artworks in any drawing, painting, graphic, or mixed technique.

All entries must contain the following information on the back side:
(Please, fill out the form in printed capital letters in the Latin alphabet)

title of the artwork,
the student's first and last name, grade, and age,
the teacher's first and last name, and email address,
the school's name and address,
the country.

Entries must be submitted by February 28th, 2023 at the latest, they must be adequately packed to avoid bending, wrinkling, or tearing. Please use the enclosed form in packing and mailing the entries.

Mail your entries to:
Osnovna šola Danila Lokarja Ajdovščina
Cesta 5. maja 15
5270 Ajdovščina, SLOVENIA
marked »A Place art contest«.

Entries received by the deadline will be assessed by a panel of judges, who will select artworks to be showcased at the exhibition and the winning artworks based on the contest criteria.

Ten gold and ten silver recognitions will be awarded in each of the following age groups: grades 1 to 3 (i.e., ages 6 to 8), grades 4 to 6 (i.e., ages 9 to 11), and grades 7 to 9 (i.e., ages 12 to 15). All entries selected for the exhibition will be awarded bronze recognitions.

The showcased and winning artworks will not be returned. Other entries can be picked up at the opening of the exhibition.

The opening of the exhibition in April 2023. Mentors will receive invitations via email.

For more information please email us at likovninatecaj.kraj@gmail.com or call +386 5 367 11 00.

We wish you days be filled with artistic inspiration and freedom.

We look forward to working with you,

Nataša Rupnik in Maja Štefin,
art contest organizers



Irena Kodele Krašna,
head teacher





ATTACHMENT

List of participating pupils and works

LIST OF SUBMITTED ARTWORKS

School or organization: _____

Address: _____

Country: _____

E-mail: _____

Telephone: _____

Mentor's first and last name: _____

	Student's first and last name	grade, age	Artwork title
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You can browse the entries from past contests here:

<http://www.os-ajdovscina.si/?s=kraj+>

Artworks selected for the exhibition are property of the organizer (Danilo Lokar Primary School Ajdovščina) but can be used only for purposes related to the contest and its promotion. By submitting your entry to the contest, the author or mentor agrees that the Danilo Lokar Primary School Ajdovščina use a reproduction of the artwork and display information about the author, mentor, and school in the exhibition, catalog, website, media, etc.