**City Administration of Belgrade – Secretariat for Culture**

**and Children’s Cultural Centre Belgrade**

**are opening a call for**

**The XXVII International Art Competition “Joy of Europe”**

This year’s International Art Competition, for the 27th time since it was founded, invites children and young artists (from 4 to 18 years of age) from all over the world to use their rich palette and show that the true creative value of the children’s art creation has been recognized and confirmed from the perspective of deep psychology and modern view of art.

Expert jury shall select the works to be exhibited and presented with awards and honorable mentions in individual and group competitions, and in five age categories. Its primary focus will be the emotional and esthetic creativity of children and the young, as well as a broad specter of cultural diversity and pedagogical approaches. Preference will be given to the works which show a particular signature, impressive artistic skill and visual literacy of the author, according to their age.

The selected works will traditionally find their place on “Joy of Europe” post stamps issued by the Public Enterprise “Pošta Srbije” each year by the end of September, with the cooperation of the Editor of the International Art Competition “Joy of Europe”.

The works which received the awards and honorary mentions will be exhibited in the Gallery of the Children’s Cultural Centre of Belgrade. The guests of the International Art Encounters will participate in an urban art colony.

**PROPOSITIONS OF THE INTERNATIONAL ART COMPETITION JOY OF EUROPE**

The competition is open to individuals, preschools, schools, children’s art studios, children’s cultural centers and similar children’s institutions and associations.

* Competition is open to all children from 4 to 18 years of age.
* The topic is free.
* We accept works on paper in various techniques (pencil, watercolor, tempera, gouache, aquarelle, pastel, Indian ink, collage, combined techniques on paper)
* Maximum size of the works of art should be the A3 format (297 x 420 mm).
* Works must be original and done without assistance, created in 2024 or 2025, and never before exhibited in other international competitions or exhibitions.
* Each work must contain the attached form filled in legibly with printed letters.
* Individual participants may send up to three works in different techniques, and institutions and associations up to 20 works by different authors.

Submitted works will not be returned.

Deadline for submission is August 3rd, 2025

Works should be mailed to the following address:

Artworks for the International Art Competition “Joy of Europe”

Dečji kulturni centar Beograd, Takovska 8, 11 000 Beograd, Srbija

With the remark:

NON-COMMERCIAL SHIPMENT

Winners of first prizes for individuals in all five categories (together with one accompanying adult per child) will be guests of Belgrade and the International Gathering of Children of Europe “Joy of Europe” in the first week of October and during the “Joy of Europe 2025” event, at the organizer’s expense. They will receive their awards at the exhibition opening ceremony. During their stay in Belgrade, the awarded authors will participate in the rich program of the urban art colony. The prize winners will have to cover their own travel expenses.

The essence of the international art competitions, as well as the accompanying exhibitions, are first and foremost the ART ENCOUNTERS – an opportunity to support the natural and creative way of living.

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Every work MUST be accompanied by this filled-out table:

**TABLE FOR INSTITUTIONS AND ASSOCIATIONS**

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| PARTICIPANT | NAME |  |
| LAST NAME |  |
| DATE OF BIRTH |  |
| INSTITUTION | TITLE |  |
| Address | Street and number |  |
| City |  |
| Country |  |
| Phone number |  |
| E - mail |  |
| ART TEACHER | Name and last name |  |
| Phone number |  |
|  | E - mail |  |
| DATE OF CREATION |  |
| AGE CATEGORY (mark one) | 4, 5, 6 years | 7, 8, 9years | 10,11,12 years | 13,14, 15years | 16, 17, 18years |

**TABLE FOR INDIVIDUAL PARTICIPANTS**

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| PARTICIPANT | NAME |  |
| LAST NAME |  |
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