



International Biennial for Engraving XVII Acqui Engraving Award

June 2026

Introduction

The Acqui Engraving Award, now in its seventeenth edition, was created to promote the cultural heritage of Monferrato as well as the national and international field of Original Graphic Art. The competition is organized by the International Biennial Association for Engraving of Acqui Terme, under the patronage of the Rotary Club of Acqui Terme, the Piedmont Region, and the Municipality of Acqui Terme. It is twinned with prestigious international awards.

The Acqui Engraving Award is today the oldest Italian prize exclusively dedicated to artistic engraving that remains active. For over thirty years, this event has contributed to promoting original graphics, offering a prestigious platform for artists from around the world.

Despite global challenges, the Acqui Engraving Award has steadfastly continued its mission, establishing itself as an international point of reference for the art of engraving.

A Unique Cultural Legacy

- **Unparalleled Longevity:** The Acqui Engraving Award is unique in Italy for maintaining extraordinary continuity, underscoring the intrinsic value of artistic engraving and its capacity to engage with the contemporary world.
 - **An Archive of Excellence:** The works acquired in past editions constitute an invaluable cultural heritage, housed in the permanent collection of the Biennial in the city of Acqui Terme.
 - **A Prize for Masters of Engraving:** In addition to attracting new talent, the award celebrates mastery and technical innovation, placing Monferrato at the center of the international art scene.
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Objectives of the Award

The Award aims to:

- Promote and spread the art of engraving in its many original techniques.
- Recognize and support artistic talent on an international level.

- Establish Acqui Terme as an international hub for engraving art.
 - Provide international visibility to participating artists through the distribution of the Award Catalog and inclusion in the Biennial's permanent collection.
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Awards

- **Main Prize:** €5,000 will be awarded in exchange for the transfer of the winning work's edition to the International Biennial Association for Engraving. The edition must be produced by the author, at their own expense, in 50 copies numbered in Arabic numerals, 25 (XXV) copies numbered in Roman numerals, in addition to the submission of the canceled matrix.
 - **Permanent Inclusion:** Submitted works will become part of the Biennial's permanent collection, housed in the City of Acqui Terme, and will be showcased in national and international exhibitions and cultural events.
 - **International Visibility:** Selected works will be published in the official Award Catalog and across multiple social media platforms.
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Participation Conditions

- **Eligibility:**
 - Open to artists of all ages and nationalities.
 - Each participant may submit up to two original works created using intaglio or woodcut techniques, produced after January 1, 2024.
 - Works must not have undergone a regular edition, nor been displayed in other competitions or public exhibitions.
 - Participation is free of charge.
 - **Technical Specifications:**
 - Maximum paper size: 500x700 mm. The matrix size is free.
 - Works must be signed by the author and bear the following information on the back: name, surname, title, year of creation, and technique used.
 - **Ownership of Works:**
 - Submitted works will not be returned to the authors and will become the property of the Association, which may use, exhibit, and manage them in alignment with its objectives.
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Registration Process

- **Deadlines:**
 - Registration and the shipping and/or delivery of works must be completed by **September 30, 2025**.

- **Procedure:**

1. Complete the digital registration form, which will be available, in multiple languages, on the official website: www.acquiprint.it.
2. Print the registration form and attach it to the submitted work.
3. Include a photograph of the work in TIFF, PDF, or JPG format (18x24 cm, minimum resolution 150 dpi).
4. Copy the registration code from the form onto the back of the engraving.
5. Send the original work, unframed and without passe-partout, along with the printed registration form, to:

Associazione Biennale Internazionale per l'Incisione - Piazza Italia 9 – 15011 Acqui Terme (AL) – ITALY Indicate: “STAMPE SENZA VALORE COMMERCIALE” (PRINTS WITHOUT COMMERCIAL VALUE).

- Any errors in the registration or submission process may result in disqualification at the sole discretion of the organization.
 - **Shipping Costs:**
 - Participants are responsible for shipping and any customs clearance costs.
 - The Association is not responsible for any shipping or customs issues.
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Selection and Awarding

- **Technical Jury:**
 - An international commission of experts will select up to 25 finalist works.
 - **Popular Jury:**
 - Among the finalists, a popular jury will choose the winning work.
 - **Results Announcement:**
 - Results will be published on the official website and the Association's social media channels (Facebook, Instagram).
 - **Additional Awards:**
 - Depending on available resources, the Association may assign additional prizes or special category recognitions.
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Publication and Catalog

- **Printed Catalog:**
 - In addition to the finalist works, the catalog may include selected submissions deemed worthy of publication. It will be provided free of charge to artists attending the inauguration and sent to the authors of finalist works.

- **Digital Catalog:**
 - It will be available for free download from the official website.
 - All participating artists may request copies of the printed catalog, subject to reservation and payment of a fee, which will be communicated at the time of reservation.
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Acceptance of Regulations

Participation in the Award implies full acceptance of these regulations. Each participant consents to the use of their personal data (in compliance with EU Regulation No. 679/2016 GDPR and Legislative Decree 196/2003 as amended), which will be stored and processed in accordance with the law at the headquarters of the International Biennial Association for Engraving.

For information and contacts:

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