

ANNUAL ART MEDAL COMPETITION 2026

Competition program

The Guild of Medalllic Art in Finland (The Guild) was founded in 1965, and in its 61st year, it again organizes the 2026 annual medal design competition for Finnish artists and visual arts students living permanently in Finland. The competition follows the rules of The Artists' Association of Finland and the following regulations:

1 The competition will be carried out as a general competition. In general, the medal is produced in bronze, but other materials are also possible, provided that the medal can be technically reproduced at a reasonable cost. The medal will not be produced as a struck medal. The proposal must be accompanied by an explanation of the material and manufacturing technique. The report should primarily be made using a pdf form, which can be printed from the Guild's website: www.mitalitaide.fi/vuosimitalikilpailu-2026/.

2 In order to be taken into account in the competition, the submission must be made as a character model. It should be made of pale processed or pale and reasonably durable material, such as plaster. The purpose of the color requirement is to put all competition entries on an equal footing when evaluating them. However, the requirement does not apply to any transparent or translucent parts of the medal. Especially in the case of alternative materials, it is important to clarify the reproducibility of the proposal and how it will be implemented in detail with the chosen technology.

The proposal shall be submitted as one (1) two-sided copy (a/b) so that the front and back sides and the correct position of the medal are clearly marked. One-sided submissions are rejected. The maximum dimension of the submission shall not exceed 120 mm and it must therefore be within the limits of the maximum dimension given in any position. Proposals that exceed the dimensions are rejected.

3 The jury consists of three members appointed by the Board of The Guild of Medalllic Art and two judges appointed by The Artists' Association of Finland. The Jury elects the chairman among its members. In its evaluation, the Jury emphasizes the artistic and technical merits of the submissions. The medal in this context refers to a tangible object of art that works as a whole, is serially manufactured, two-sided and may also include a text.

4 Each competition submission shall be labeled. A closed envelope bearing the same pseudonym containing the sculptor's contact information shall be included. Only the envelopes of the prize-winners are opened.

5 The following prizes will be awarded: I prize €2,400, II prize €1,300 and III prize €800. The unanimous jury may distribute the prize amount differently; however, the number of prizes shall be maintained. In addition, the award committee can decide on one purchase (€300). The maker of the submission of which the annual medal will be produced will also be compensated €300 for the supervision of the medal production, if he/she has to retouch the submission for technical reasons or to produce another copy of it.

6 The final decision to commission the work is made by the Board of The Guild of Medalllic Art, which has the right to order the annual medal of any submission awarded in the competition.

7 The competition period ends on Fri 27th February 2026, which is also the last day of mailing. Proposals will be sent by post to

They can also be brought to the Guild's office (Koroistentie 5 A, Helsinki) on Fri 27th February 2026 from 14:00 to 18:00. The proposals sent from abroad must be received on the closing date of the competition on Fri 27th February 2026.

8 The competition submissions are photographed. By participating in the competition, the artist authorizes the Guild to publish a picture of the submission in the Yearbook of Medallic Art and on the Guild's website. Only the names of the artists who have award-winning submissions will be made public.

9 The results of the competition will be published on Mon 30 March 2026. After the results have been announced, the competition submissions will be exhibited at the Guild's spring meeting, the date and place will be announced later. The competition submissions in the categories A and B, will also be presented in the Guild's online gallery. The submissions can be picked up in connection with The Guild's spring meeting 2026 or from The Guild's office (Koroistentie 5 A, Helsinki), the date will be announced later. After that, the submissions which have not been picked up, will be destroyed.

10 Competition programs are available at Galleria Sculptor (Eteläranta 12, Helsinki) and The Guild of Medallic Art. The competition program will also be published on The Guild's website www.mitalitaide.fi.

11 The contact person between the jury and the participants is the Guild's treasurer. For further information about this competition please contact talous.mitalikilta(at)gmail.com until Fri 13 Feb 2026. The answers are published on Fri 20, 2026 on the Guild's website <http://mitalitaide.fi/vuosimitalikilpailu-2026/>.

The Guild of Medallic Art in Finland