

COMEL Award Vanna Migliorin Contemporary Art

6TH OCTOBER | 27TH OCTOBER 2018

CALL FOR SUBMISSION VII EDITION

The COMEL Award is a well-established art reality and it can be counted among the most innovative European art competitions. It selects 13 artists whose works, sticking to the assigned theme, best enlighten the expressive, aesthetic, communicative and creative qualities of aluminium.

The Contemporary Art Award COMEL Vanna Migliorin (hereafter 'COMEL Prize') was established in 2012 in memory of Mrs. Vanna Migliorin, her passion for art, her enthusiasm in supporting innovative projects. Vanna Migliorin was an affectionate mother and an ingenious entrepreneur. She founded the CO.ME.L. company in 1968, in Latina, with her husband Alfonso Mazzola. The CO.ME.L. is a leading company in the trade and processing of semi-finished aluminum metals. This year it reaches 50 years of activity.

The COMEL Prize, promoted and supported only by CO.ME.L., is a remarkable example of the synergy between art and business. It promotes intercultural relations between European countries, creating opportunities for sharing and meeting between artists, scholars and the public.

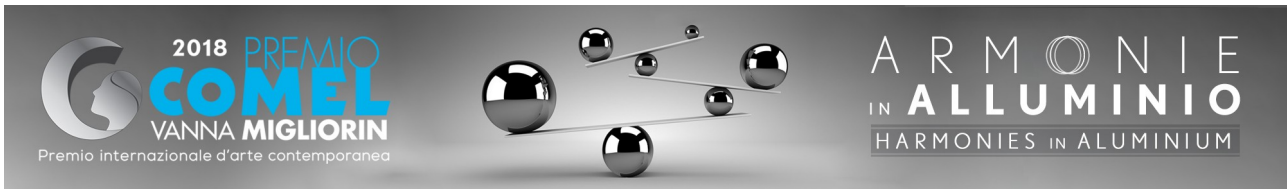
Participation in the competition is free and open to artists aged 18 and over that use aluminium as a main element in the realization of the work they intend to enroll in the competition.

Since the previous edition the COMEL Award has expanded the countries eligible to participate in the competition: not only artists from the EU member states can join the contest, also the artists who live and work in all countries of the European continent.

The 13 finalist works, selected by a panel of experts, will be exhibited in Latina, in the Spazio COMEL Arte Contemporanea gallery (www.spaziocomel.it), the exclusive venue of the event. The winner will be awarded the 'Jury Prize', while the public who will visit the exhibition will be called to vote for the favorite works, and will decide who wins the 'Audience Award'.

In view of a planned and effective promotion of the participants and the prize itself, a catalog is expected to be drawn up by the organization, along with a targeted distribution of specialized media. In addition, a written interview will be dedicated to the selected artists, as an important testimony that will become part of the portfolio of the Award website.

¹ The COMEL Award has joined the "AMACI project – Business with Contemporary Art". It is a network of companies with a common interest in supporting the value of Contemporary Art in Italy, so as to transmit knowledge, experiences and ideas, according to the principle of sharing among the partners of AMACI.



Why Aluminum?

Aluminium can be forged, modeled, laminated, like hot wax in the artist's hands. It lends itself to take on the desired forms and volumes. It is lightweight (a third of steel), shiny, soft, durable, with good electrical and thermal conductivity, 100% recyclable with an energy cost equal to one twentieth of that necessary for its first melting. Visually intriguing, with its unique characteristics, aluminum is the true contemporary material.

Why 13 artists?

Because aluminum is the chemical element of the atomic number 13.

1 - OBJECTIVES AND AIMS OF THE COMEL AWARD 2018

The Award aims at

1. promoting Contemporary Art and the intercultural relationships among the European countries
2. strengthening the link between Contemporary Art and business.
3. enhancing the value of aluminum, its expressive, aesthetic, communicative and constructive possibilities.
4. establishing a vital and significant relationship between the public and the artists.

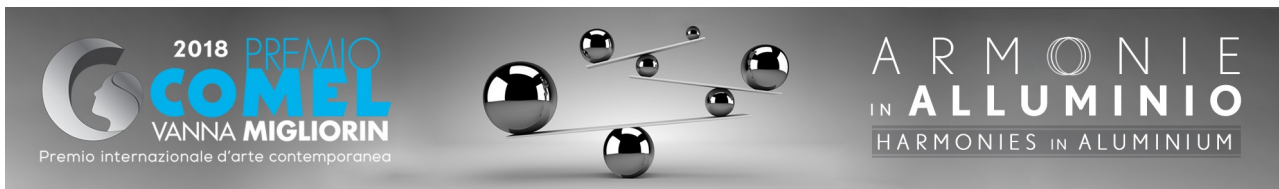
2 - TITLE OF THE COMEL AWARD 2018

HARMONIES IN ALUMINUM

The word harmony (from the Greek 'harmonia', ἁρμονία, itself derived from 'harმოzein') means to connect, to balance. It represents union and proportion. The root AR- (common to art and arithmetic) announces a proportionate arrangement, an agreement; it involves a successful correlation among different elements that gives pleasure to the senses. Therefore, it presupposes an alliance, a careful disposition, a perfect joint, a bond, symbolically also a friendship, in general a balanced and pleasant combination of elements and different materials, an alloy.

'Harmonies in aluminum' aims at highlighting the typical qualities of the metal - particularly the high conductivity of energy, sound and heat - in order to create bonds among different materials, various expressions, and harmonized parts. Metaphorically, the underlying theme is the possible connection and harmony between the parts (things, individuals, peoples, elements, creatures and creations in general). Moreover, the artist is the one who skillfully arranges the parts in a harmonious whole, leading the materials and the different creative phases to the final harmony.

For the seventh edition, artists are asked to create works that are inspired by a sense of harmony: ideas, concepts, techniques, contents, combinations, which through aluminum become a coherent, balanced and harmonious whole.



3 - CONDITIONS OF PARTICIPATION

Participation in the competition is free and open to all artists, 18 years of age and older, that operate in any of the European countries, and use aluminum as the main and significant medium for the realization of the work to be submitted.

Each artist may submit only one work and participate in just one category

(Sign up by following the instructions in Paragraph 5 – REGISTRATION)

The deadline for submission is June 25th, 2018.

All employees of the promoter company and those who are linked by kinship are excluded from participation in the Contest. All third parties and their employees that collaborate in any way for the realization of the Competition are also excluded.

The winners of the previous edition of the Prize are also excluded from participating in the Contest.

4 - CRITERIA FOR ARTWORKS

Released or unreleased artworks using the following techniques may be submitted: painting, sculpture, design, photography and installation.

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Maximum size of the works is 150 x 150 x 150 cm.

The works selected must be sent together with the assembly instructions and the necessary accessories for their outfitting.

5 - REGISTRATION

In order to participate in the COMEL Award 2018, artists can register online, via email, or via postal mail, by following these instructions:

1. complete the ► [on-line entry form \(Annex A\)](#);

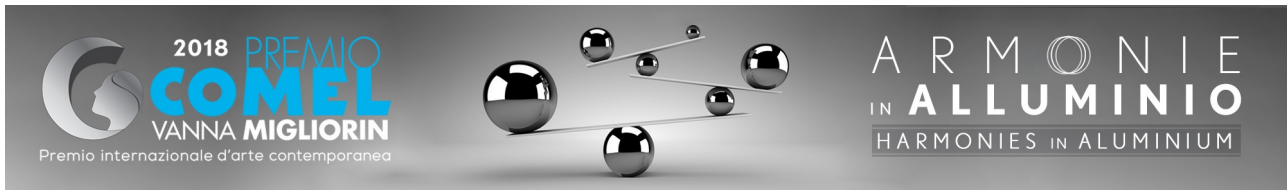
or

2. download, complete the ► [entry form \(Annex A – via email\)](#) and send the required documents via email to the following address: info@premiocomel.it;

or

3. download, complete the ► [entry form \(Annex A – via postal mail\)](#) and send the required documents in a sealed envelope to the following postal address:

**Premio COMEL Vanna Migliorin Arte Contemporanea 2018
Via Congiunte Sinistre, 398 04100 Latina (LT) - Italy**



In all cases, under penalty of exclusion, the following information must be provided:

- a) name and surname;
- b) nation and date of birth;
- c) place of residence (nation, city, province);
- d) postal address;
- e) email address and website or internet visibility;
- f) phone number.
- g) **a series of 3 to 5 images of the work, full-length picture, taken from different perspectives** (5 MB maximum size) and showing clearly the work with aluminium, with the indications of technical characteristics, the materials used, size, title and year of creation;
- h) a brief *curriculum vitae*, biography and 'artist statement'.
- i) full acceptance of rules and regulations of the Award referred to in this announcement.

In case of selection among the 13 finalists the artist will be required to provide additional material suitable for reproduction in high-definition of the work (whose specifications will be specified with the selection communication) for the preparation of the catalogue and for the installation in the exhibition. Therefore, please provide this content in time. Each artist may submit only one work and participate in just one category. The documentation received will not be returned.

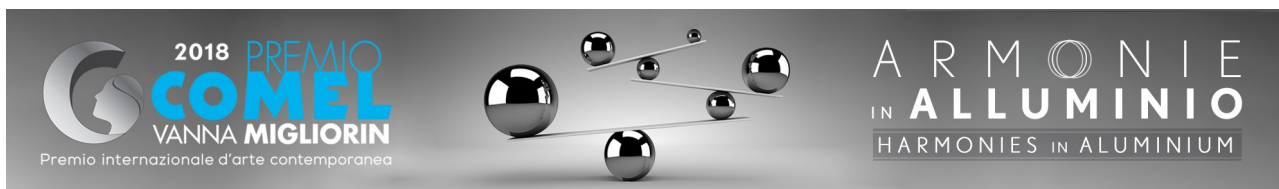
6 - SELECTION PROCESS AND JURY

A professional Committee in the field of art, will select thirteen works, among all the proposals. The thirteen works will be exhibited **from Saturday, 6th October 2018 to Saturday, 27th October 2018** at the gallery Spazio COMEL Arte Contemporanea, via Neghelli 68, Latina, Italy. This will be a special dedicated exhibition for the selected artists from whom the Jury will choose the winner for the COMEL Award 2018.

The Jury will identify two additional reserves that may participate in the exhibition, including them among the 13 finalist works, only in the case of exclusion or waiver of the previous selected works. The Jury also may signal a few special mentions, beyond the winner work.

The selection procedure will be performed on photographic images, so it is recommended for the entry, to send the material as exhaustive as possible.

The judgement expressed by the Jury is final and irrevocable.



7- KEY DATES

1. **25th June 2018 (12 p.m.)** Closing date for applications.
2. **By 30th July 2018** – Announcements of the finalist artists via email and online. The finalists will be sent further information for the works shipment and the planning of the exhibition.
3. **By 14th September 2018** the selected artists, who have regularly applied for the competition, must have shipped their works. (See Paragraph 11, Transportation, Insurance, Artwork Installation). Failure to respect the date for delivery of the work, will result in exclusion from the competition.
4. **6th October 2018** Exhibition open at Spazio COMEL Arte Contemporanea.
5. **20th October 2018** Prize-giving ceremony.
6. **27th October 2018** Exhibition closing

8 - AWARDS

A) COMEL Jury Award 2018

The unique winning artist will be awarded the COMEL Jury Award 2018. The prize consists of a cash prize of € 3500 (2). The winning artist will also be awarded a solo exhibition to be held at the Spazio COMEL Arte Contemporanea, located in via Neghelli, 68 – Latina. The publication of a catalogue of the exhibition is also included. The date and conditions of the exhibition to be agreed in advance with the organization. The work will become part of the permanent collection.

CO.ME.L. By accepting the Prize, the winner relinquishes ownership of his/her work and gives CO.ME.L. all rights inherent in it, including the publication right of the image, while retaining the right to be recognized as the author of the artwork.

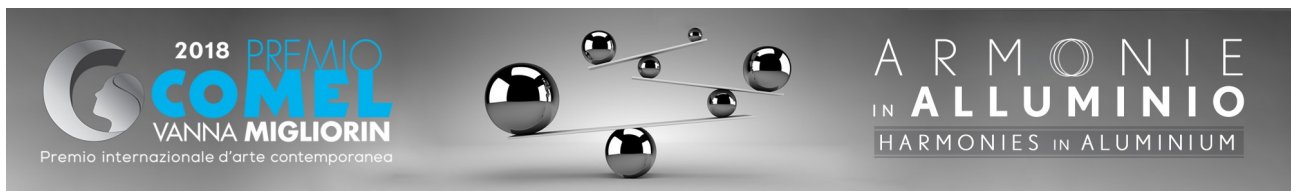
(2) Withholding tax on money prize

B) Audience COMEL Award 2018

The winning artist will also be awarded a solo exhibition to be held at the 'Spazio COMEL Arte Contemporanea, located in via Neghelli, 68 – Latina.

The exhibition will be curated by the COMEL organization, and it will be displayed no later than the calendar year in which the prize has been held. The date and conditions to be agreed in advance with the organization. The 'Audience Award 2018' does not consist of a cash prize.

The prize-giving ceremony will be held on Saturday 20th October.
The presence of the winners is very welcome.



9 - CATALOGUE

The catalog, of about 60 pages, will include pictures of the selected works, short biographical notes of the finalists and critical texts of the jury, in Italian and English. Copies of the catalog will be delivered free of charge to artists and to all visitors of the exhibition.

10 - OPENING OF THE EXHIBITION

The opening of the exhibition will be held **on Saturday 6th October 2018**. The works will be displayed **until Saturday 27th October**, subject to a possible extension of the time of the exhibition.

11 - TRANSPORTATION, INSURANCE, ARTWORKS INSTALLATION

The transportation (delivery and collection) and insurance will be at the expense of the artist. The COMEL will take charge of the insurance of the works only within the gallery space, during the exhibition.

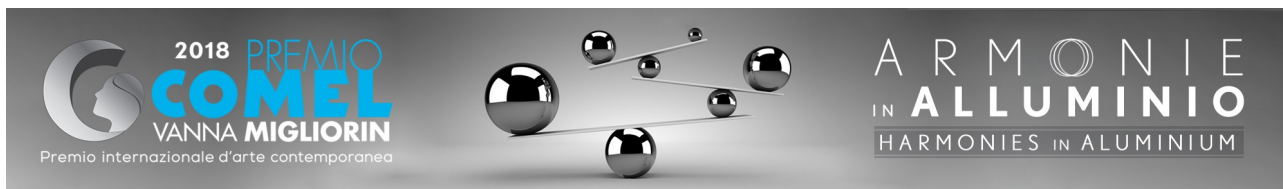
Works must be shipped inside a suitable packing, even if hand-delivered, to guarantee protection both in storage or during the return shipping.

The artists who have regularly applied for the competition, must have shipped the selected works at the following address **by the 14th September 2018: CO.ME.L. via Congiunte Sinistre n. 398 - 04100 Latina (LT) Italy** - Delivering times: From Monday to Friday, from 8:30 to 13:00-15:00/18:00

The works will be installed by the exhibition organizers according to the instructions previously arranged with the artists (see Paragraph 4 – CRITERIA FOR ARTWORKS).

Except for the award winning work (which becomes the property of the CO.ME.L permanent collection) all artworks should be collected directly from the CO.ME.L. company premises **by Friday 14th December 2018**, at this address: **CO.ME.L. via Congiunte Sinistre n. 398 - 04100 Latina (LT) Italy** . From Monday to Friday, from 8.30/13.00 to 15:00/18:00

After the exhibition, works that will not result withdrawn, within the established deadline of the announcement, will be sent back to the artist's address in their original packing. For this reason, works without an adequate packaging material will not be accepted in the competition nor the organizing staff should be held liable for any damage caused by inadequate protective packing. Shipment shall be charged to the consignee.



12 - PRIVACY

All information and data collected will be used as provided in Italian Legislative Decree 196/2003 for the participation in the contest, for sending informational material and for promotional purposes relating to the prize and to the public presentation. They will be kept in the Archives of the COMEL Award. Those interested can request the correction or deletion of them in accordance with Legislative Decree 196/2003.

Submission to the Award implies complete and full acceptance of these requirements.



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