



COMEL Award Vanna Migliorin Contemporary Art VIII EDITION 2020 - 2021

CALL FOR SUBMISSION

The Contemporary Art COMEL Award 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, a leading company in the trade and processing of semi-finished aluminum metals, that promotes and supports the COMEL Prize a brilliant example of synergy between art and business. (1).

It is a well-established art reality in the contemporary art sector 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 aluminum.

A project, **now at its 8th edition**, that promotes intercultural relations among European countries, creating opportunities for sharing and meeting among artists, scholars and the public. Since 2017 edition the COMEL Award has admitted to subscribe and join the contest, not only artists who were citizens of the EU member states but also artists who live and work in all countries of the European continent (non necessarily a permanent resident of the country of residence).

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

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*'.

As it happens at each edition, 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 winner's art experience as an important testimony that will become part of the portfolio of the Award website. The editing of the catalog and the communication will be completely sponsored by the COMEL AWARD as well.

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 in the Table of Elements, aluminum is the chemical element with the atomic number 13.

1 - OBJECTIVES AND AIMS OF THE COMEL AWARD 2020

The 2020 COMEL 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 2020

ALUMINIUM BONDS

No man is an island, complete in himself; every man is a piece of the continent, a part of the whole. If even a sod were washed away from the sea, Europe would have a missing part, as if it lacked a promontory, as if a dwelling of your friends, or your own house, was missing. The death of any man diminishes me, because I am part of the mankind. So never ask who the bell rings for: it rings for you! (From "Meditation XVII", in John Donne, Devotions for emergency occasions (1624))

Aluminum is one of the few elements of the periodic table to be trivalent: each of its atoms uses three electrons to combine with other elements. The theme of the COMEL 2020 Award, **Aluminum bonds**, underlines this characteristic: that is, the natural propensity of this metal to come into contact, join, connect and merge with another element. A capacity superior to the one of many other metals, which ensures that aluminum is never found alone and pure in nature and that indeed it lends itself to form a definitely large number of alloys. Trivalence therefore becomes a metaphor for openness, generosity, exchange and desire to bond.

A concept that is very close to the purposes for which the COMEL Award was born: the meeting occasion, the willing of growing together, the opportunity to create links. In this VIII edition, artists are asked to create works that recall the concept of "bond" both metaphorically and practically. The works eligible to participate will only be those in which aluminum is flanked by other materials, while remaining the predominant visible material.



3 - CONDITIONS OF PARTICIPATION

Participation in the competition is free. There are no age limits and it is open to all artists, 18 years of age and older, of any European nationality as far as they use aluminum as the main and significant material for the realization of the work to be submitted.

Each artist may submit only one work (Sign up by following the instructions in Paragraph 5 - REGISTRATION)

The deadline for submission to the COMEL AWARD is December 31, 2020.

All employees of the promoter company and those who are linked by kinship are excluded from participating to 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 editions 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 that uses aluminum as the main and most significant element.

Quality, research, originality and contemporaneity of the work will be the main criteria of selection. **Maximum allowed size of the works is 150 x 150 x 150 cm.**

The work must be completely done at the time of registration, projects, sketches or 3D simulations of the works will not be accepted.

The works nominated for the Prize must be the physical and intellectual property of the artist who presents them. The selected works, accompanied by all the necessary materials and detailed instructions, must arrive ready to be installed. The works, under penalty of exclusion, must not be winners of other competitions similar to this one.

5 – REGISTRATION

1. Interested artists can register using one of the following methods: completely fill in the online participation form available on the website www.premiocomel.it Registration section
2. download, complete the participation form (Annex A1) available on the website www.premiocomel.it and send an email with the requested material to the following address: info@premiocomel.it;
3. download, complete the participation form (Annex A2) available on the website www.premiocomel.it and send with the required material in a sealed envelope to the postal address:

**Premio COMEL Arte Contemporanea 2020
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 aluminum, with the indications of technical characteristics, the materials used, size, title and year of creation;
- h) a brief description of the artwork to be submitted
- i) a brief curriculum vitae, biography and 'artist statement'
- j) processing of personal data authorization
- k) full acceptance of rules and regulations of the Award referred to in this announcement.

6 - SELECTION PROCESS AND JURY

A professional Committee in the field of art, will select thirteen works, among all the submitted artworks. The thirteen works will be exhibited, at a date to be defined, at the gallery Spazio COMEL Arte Contemporanea, via Neghelli 68, Latina, Italy, in a special dedicated exhibition for the selected artists and the Jury will choose among them the winner for the COMEL Award of Contemporary art 2020.

In addition to the above mentioned 13 artworks, the Jury will also identify two additional reserves that will be called to participate in the exhibition, only in the case of exclusion or waiver of the previous selected works. The Jury also may signal, beyond the winner, some special mentions and/or prizes

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

The judgement expressed by the Jury is final and irrevocable.

The names of the members of the jury of the COMEL award 2020, chaired by **Giorgio Agnisola**, art critic and writer, professor of sacred art at the Pontifical Theological Faculty of Southern Italy, will be communicated in the coming months.



7 - KEY DATES

1. **December 31, 2020** (midnight), the registration deadline of the COMEL 2020 Award;
2. The other phases and deadlines will be communicated according to the evolution of the Coronavirus epidemic and the consequent lockdown decrees of the European countries involved in the present call

8 - AWARDS

A) COMEL Jury Award 2020

The unique winning artist will be awarded the *COMEL Jury Award 2020*. **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 dates and conditions of the exhibition to be agreed in advance with the organization and however no later than the calendar year in which the prize has been held. 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 related to 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 2020

The artist who will receive the greatest number of preferences from the exhibition visitors, will be awarded a solo exhibition to be held at the Spazio COMEL contemporary art gallery, located in via Neghelli, 68 – Latina. The dates and conditions will be agreed in advance with the organization and it will be displayed no later than the calendar year in which the prize has been held. The '*Audience Award 2020*' does not consist of a cash prize and the winning artwork will remain property of the artist.



9 - CATALOGUE

The catalog, of about 80 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 the artists and to all visitors of the exhibition.

10 - OPENING OF THE EXHIBITION

The inauguration is scheduled for February or March 2021.

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.

Artworks must arrive at the following address by **DATE TO BE DEFINED**

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 must be delivered in a suitable reusable packaging for the return of the artworks at the end of the competition

The artworks will be installed by the exhibition organizers according to the instructions previously arranged with the artists (see Paragraph 4 – CRITERIA FOR ARTWORKS). Each work must arrive ready for installation, under penalty of exclusion.

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 **DATE TO BE DEFINED**, at the company 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

Each candidate expressly authorizes the COMEL Prize, as well as his legal representative, to process personal data transmitted, pursuant to law 675/96 (Privacy law) and subsequent amendments of Legislative Decree 196/2003 (Privacy code), also for the insertion in databases managed by the aforementioned people.

Each participant in the competition grants the COMEL Prize, as well as its legal representative, free of charge, the reproduction rights of the works and texts released to the prize, for the purpose of drawing up the catalog, publication on the Prize website and other forms of communication, promotion and activities of the organization. The material sent for registration only, will not be returned.

The organizers of the competition will have the right to make a final decision on anything not specified in this notice.

The organization reserves itself the right to make changes to the notice if the need arises, communicating it on the portal www.premiocomel.it

Participation in the COMEL Prize implies full and complete acceptance of all the articles of this call for submission.

DUE TO THE ONGOING CORONAVIRUS EPIDEMIC, THE DATES OF THIS CALL ARE TO BE CONSIDERED PROVISIONAL. AS SOON AS EUROPEAN HEALTH CONDITIONS ALLOW, THE UPDATED AND DEFINITIVE DATES WILL BE PROMPTLY COMMUNICATED.



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