

ITHRA ART PRIZE 2020 OPEN FOR SUBMISSIONS

Ithra Art Prize, the Middle East's most prestigious prize for Saudi and Saudi-based contemporary artists, is accepting creative proposals for its 2020 edition. The deadline for submissions is October 3, 2019.

Following a complete review and deliberation by a high-profile jury, the winning artist or collective will receive SAR 375,000 (US\$ 100,000) to create a major new commission.

The winner will be announced in November 2019 and the work will debut at Art Dubai 2020 (March 25-28, 2020). The work will subsequently join Ithra's growing permanent art collection in Dhahran, Saudi Arabia.

ELIGIBILITY CRITERIA

- Applicants must originate from Saudi Arabia or be based in Saudi Arabia for at least 10 years.
- Applicants must be over the age of 18.
- Applications are accepted from individual artists as well as collectives and are limited to one artwork proposal per artist/ collective.
- The proposal should be for a new, original work, exclusive to Ithra and Art Dubai.
- Proposals should not be part of an existing series of work (same idea, concept and methodology).
- Applicants must submit all documents requested on the online application form.
- Applicants that fail to comply with any of the criteria mentioned above will be automatically disqualified.

PROPOSAL SUBMISSIONS

- Artists must submit their application through Ithra's website. Physical proposals will not be considered.
- Proposals must include a professional portfolio in PDF format with a minimum number of five artworks including captions, images and descriptions.

- Proposals must include a biography listing education, previous exhibitions and awards.
- Proposals must include:
 - Artwork concept
 - Artwork title
 - Artwork medium
 - Artwork dimensions and weight
 - Installation plan - detailed report of how to display the proposed artwork
 - Supporting visuals of the artwork (sketches/ images)
 - Production timeline - detailed project schedule including milestones for all weeks leading up to Art Dubai in March 2020
 - The production timeline should include any travel and research required, as well as details of the production and shipping to Dubai.

ARTWORK

- The proposed artwork should not be ephemeral (the physical status of the artwork shall be permanent and not to be displayed only once).
- The work needs to be able to fit into crates and be transported and reinstalled at Ithra, where it will be part of Ithra's permanent art collection.
- The proposal must be in line with the size (4m x 2.5m) and weight restrictions (500kg per square meter).
- Artwork should be completed and shipped to Dubai in time for Art Dubai (March 25-28, 2020).

ARTWORK BUDGET

- The proposal must consider a budget that does not exceed SAR 375,000 (US\$ 100,000).
- The proposal must include a detailed breakdown of the budget. The breakdown must consider all production costs, project management (including artist fee), insurance for all transportation, packing and unpacking in Dubai and in

Dammam, as well as shipping from the point of origin to Art Dubai and from Art Dubai to Ithra.

JURY

The Ithra Art Prize will be adjudicated by a high-profile jury comprising individuals with strong connections to the Saudi, Arab and international art community.

The jury for this year's Prize will be announced in August 2019.

AWARD

- A prize up to SAR 375,000 is awarded to the winning artwork.
- The project should not exceed SAR 375,000, including production, shipping, insurance and project management.

DEADLINE

- Proposals must be submitted no later than October 3, 2019.
- Proposals must be submitted online via the Ithra website.
- Proposals received after the deadline will be automatically disqualified.