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Jacksons Art Prize 2026

Category: Illustration

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Jackson's Art Prize 2026 is an international open-call art competition designed to spotlight exceptional contemporary two-dimensional artwork, including painting, drawing and printmaking. It provides emerging and established artists with a high-visibility platform, drawing significant attention from the global art community. The prize is organised by Jackson's Art, a major retailer and advocate for creative practice, ensuring that the competition maintains strong industry relevance and reaches a broad audience of collectors, curators and art enthusiasts.

The competition is recognised for its commitment to accessibility and inclusivity, welcoming artists of any background, ability level or nationality. By accepting a wide range of 2D media, the contest encourages creative diversity and fosters innovation in traditional and experimental techniques. Its online submission format allows artists from around the world to participate, strengthening its position as a major international art award and a key opportunity for global artistic exposure.

In addition to digital visibility, Jackson's Art Prize 2026 offers shortlisted artists the chance to exhibit their work in London, a city known for its dynamic art scene and cultural influence. This physical showcase enhances professional credibility and provides valuable networking opportunities. Through generous awards, expert judging and extensive promotional outreach, the competition aims to support artists' careers, increase public engagement with contemporary art and contribute to a thriving global creative landscape.

Entry fee: Entry costs £5 per artwork for early-bird (12 Nov 2025–17 Dec), and £6.50 per artwork for standard entry (18 Dec 2025–11 Feb 2026).

Eligibility

Open worldwide to artists of any age or ability working in any two-dimensional medium may enter.

Prize

The first prize is £6,000 in cash plus £2,000 in art materials, and winners (along with other award recipients) are invited to exhibitions in London; additional awards include Jackson's Choice Awards, Judge's Choice Awards, People's Choice Award, Student and Amateur Awards, and various materials-awards for specific media.