

## VISUAL ART COMPETITION FOR STUDENTS OF GYMNASIUM & LYCEUM

"I Love the Sea"

The Hellenic Marine Environment Protection Association - HELMEPA, one of the most historic environmental organizations in Greece for clean and healthy seas, **invites students of Gymnasium & Lyceum (A' B' C') to participate in the 2nd Panhellenic Visual Art Competition on the theme: "I Love the Sea".**

Through the competition, participants are inspired by the vastness of the sea and create artworks that promote awareness, cultivate environmental consciousness and mobilize the public to take action to save our seas.

Two (2) artworks will be awarded:

- 1 artwork by a Lyceum student that will "dress" HELMEPA's new thermos, including the name of the artist
- 1 artwork by a Gymnasium student to dress the new HELMEPA multi-purpose bag, including the name of the artist

Both will be distributed to HELMEPA's network of Members, agencies, partners and supporters. It is noted that if there are proceeds from the disposal of the thermos, they will be used exclusively for the purposes of the Association.

### EVALUATION COMMITTEE

The Evaluation Committee is composed of distinguished and renowned personalities in the field of art and culture (following in alphabetical order):

1. CATTUI Micha, Visual Artist
2. THEODORIDIS Philip, Painter
3. KARAKOSTANOGLU Nikomahi, Visual Artist
4. KOUROUMALI Marina, Educator
5. MAVROMICHALI Elena,
6. OIKONOMOPOUOS Timos, Art Expertise
7. PAPADOPOULOU Christina, Gagosian Gallery
8. TSIGKRI Alik, Visual Artist
9. FILOPOULOU Maria, Painter



Artworks selected by the Evaluation Committee will be presented at the international maritime exhibition "Posidonia 2024" at HELMEPA's stand and will be part of a Group Exhibition. All artworks that meet the criteria of the announcement will be featured on social media and the website of HELMEPA.

#### DURATION OF THE COMPETITION & SUBMISSION OF ARTWORKS

Those interested can register [here](#) and submit their artworks in **electronic and paper format** until **Monday 1 April 2024**.

- Electronic format: The scanned project, together with the full name of the participant and the appropriate affirmation (for over or under 18 years old) must be sent to [social@helvepa.gr](mailto:social@helvepa.gr) as attachments or with a [WeTransfer](#) link.
- Hard copy: The original artwork has to be sent to HELMEPA's offices of HELMEPA, at the following address: HELMEPA, Ymmitou 7, Postal Code: 17564, Palaio Faliro, Athens

#### CONDITIONS & TECHNICAL CHARACTERISTICS OF THE PROJECT

Projects must meet the following requirements to be eligible:

- They must be from Gymnasium & Lyceum students
- It should be a painting, a photograph, a collage, a slogan, anything that strengthens HELMEPA's action for the protection of the seas
- They must be unique, one from each participant
- They must be in horizontal A3 format (42x29,7 cm)
- Scanned file: PDF or JPEG with 300 DPI resolution and high quality
- To be accompanied by the appropriate Declaration of Responsibility
  - a) [for participants under 18 years of age](#) (completed by a parent/guardian) or
  - b) [for participants over 18 years of age](#) (completed by a student)

Any entry must not infringe the rights of any third party and must not include anything unlawful, obscene or defamatory.

Entries which the HELMEPA Secretariat considers to be off-topic, containing offensive material, profanity, slander or social discrimination, lacking the required information or incomplete will be rejected.



## BE INSPIRED BY THE SEA

The sea is full of wonderful, delicate, colourful creatures and plants, many of which we don't know about but we must protect. It is a source of life, freshness, health, rejuvenation, carefree, joy, rest, relaxation and has many hidden mysteries. By diving into the bottom of the sea we can discover colours, aromas, another world of peace, joy, tranquillity, adventure and many different patterns and textures.

We invite you to explore the sea and create your own artwork with an **optimistic** message that shows your love, whether it is an expression of emotion, a depiction of marine life, an explosion of colour and patterns.

You may find the following information about the oceans and the links below useful.

The oceans:

- cover  $\frac{3}{4}$  of the earth's surface
- 1 in 2 of our breaths is generated by ocean oceans
- provide us with food and drinking water
- 50-80% of life on Earth is below the surface of the oceans
- absorb 25% of all the CO<sub>2</sub> emissions we produce
- regulate the planet's climate through ocean currents
- act as sea routes that serve 90% of the world's trade

[Link-1](#) [Link-2](#), [Link-3](#), [Link-4](#), [Link-5](#), [Link-6](#), [Link-7](#), [Link-8](#), [Link-9](#)

The competition is organized by HELMEPA's Youth Department, in the framework of the YOUTH AMBASSADORS programme, which aims to empower youth, highlight the value of volunteering and support future leaders, providing them with the necessary toolkit to be part of the solution to environmental challenges.

**With their correct participation in the competition, young people (if they so wish) automatically become members of the YOUTH AMBASSADORS programme and receive a volunteering certificate.**

Participation in the competition is free of charge, voluntary and requires the consent of the parents/guardians of young people under 18 years of age. HELMEPA undertakes the entire process of implementing the competition and safeguards the personal data and copyright of the authors, in accordance with the applicable legislation.



INFORMATION

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