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**Blend into Italy.
Helsinki is calling.**



Look back to Spain once again. Blend into Italy. Helsinki is calling.

The World Bodypainting Festival celebrates its 29th year — bringing together artists and unforgettable moments from around the world. From the vibrant energy of Spain to the upcoming artistic stages in Italy, Croatia, Austria and Finland, the global bodypainting community is already preparing for the next highlights.

WBF Spain 2026 Video Recap

Relive the incredible atmosphere of the recent World Championship in Bodypainting & Show in Aguilas at the **WBF Spain 2026**. Watch the official recap video and dive back into the colors, passion, and inspiration that made this event so special.



Coming Next: WBF Italy 2026

World Championship in Camouflage & Facepainting

Sterzing/ Vipiteno, 3rd & 4th July, 2026



The journey continues. Italy is the World Award destination. Get ready to blend into breathtaking surroundings and become part of a living canvas. NEW this year is the World Championship Category Facepainting.

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The **World Bodypainting Festival** returns to **Sterzing / Vipiteno (Italy)** on **3–4 July 2026**, bringing together international artists for two days of creativity in the heart of the Italian Alps. Set in the picturesque medieval old town, the festival celebrates the transformation of the human body into living art, blending artistic expression with the unique surroundings of this historic mountain location.

A highlight of the event is the **World Award: Camouflage**, presented by **KRYOLAN**, where artists paint their models to seamlessly blend into the environment, creating stunning optical illusions.

New for 2026 is the **World Championship in Facepainting**, presented by **SUPERSTAR**, with the theme “**Spiritual Guardians**.” This category focuses on expressive facial designs inspired by mythological protectors, ancestral spirits, and powerful symbolic beings.

Alongside the competitions, visitors and artists can enjoy **Creative Bodypainting Jam Sessions throughout the town**, as well as a special **Photo Day on 2 July 2026** with Tobias Spranger and Lora Tulchinski, offering unique portfolio shooting opportunities in spectacular alpine and historic settings. 3 spots are still available.

For full details, registration, and updates please visit:

WBF Italy 2026

Workshop Photo Day with
Lora & Tobias

Save the Date – WBF Finland 2026 World Championship in Creative Make-Up

Helsinki, Finland | 16th - 18th October 2026



Photo: Tobias Spranger @WBF Finland 2025 | Artist: Sanna Juhala

The **World Bodypainting Festival Edition in Finland** will take place from **16–18 October 2026 in Helsinki**, bringing the global bodypainting and make-up community to Northern Europe. Hosted at the **Helsinki Expo and Convention Centre (Messukeskus)** and organized by **WB Production together with the Rebelicious team around Jasmiina Walters**, the event will be part of **I Love Me**, Northern Europe's largest beauty, fashion, wellness, and health expo.

At the center of the event is the **Creative Make-Up World Championship**, where international artists compete live for the world title, presenting imaginative designs, technical excellence, and bold artistic expression.

Alongside the world championship, the **Nordic Awards** will feature several bodypainting and facepainting categories, giving artists from the region and beyond a stage to showcase their creativity.

Further details will be published soon!



More Infos
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**Some of the WBA Events organized by
our WB Production Team in 2026**

JUNE 13+14

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KRYOLAN
PROFESSIONAL MAKE-UP

Hvar Bodypainting Festival 2026

Hvar, Croatia | 13 & 14 June 2026

An open category contest in a stunning Mediterranean location, presented by **KRYOLAN**. Creativity, freedom of style, and summer vibes come together on the beautiful island of Hvar.

The WBA Contest in the Open Category is offering also very attractive prizes:

- **1st place:** € 1,000 Money Prize
- **2nd place:** € 500 Money Prize
- **3rd place:** € 250 Money Prize

To get an impression of the event, watch the video from our YouTube channel.



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Austrian
Bodypainting &
Make-Up
Awards

14 & 15 November 2026
Photo+Adventure
Pyramide Vösendorf, Vienna

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Artist: Nadja Hluichovsky @WBF

Austrian Bodypainting & Make-up Awards

November 14–15, 2026 | Pyramide Vösendorf | Photo+Adventure Fair

The **Austrian Bodypainting & Make-up Awards 2026**, organized by the **World Bodypainting Association (WBA)**, will take place on November 14th and 15th, 2026, at the Pyramide Vösendorf as part of the renowned Photo+Adventure fair.

A special highlight for photographers: a dedicated photo ticket provides exclusive access to defined shooting areas, allowing direct collaboration with models to capture high-quality images of these extraordinary and temporary artworks.

And the themes are...

- **Austrian Award: CLASSIC BODYPAINTING** – *Theme: Metamorphosis*
Artists create a bodypainting design that visualizes transformation, showing the beauty of change from one form or reality into another.
- **Austrian Award: BEAUTY MAKE-UP** – *Theme: Power of Color*
Artists design a striking beauty make-up look where color is the central element, highlighting the model's features and creative expression.
- **Austrian Award: CREATIVE MAKE-UP** – *Theme: Galactic Queen*
Artists create an imaginative make-up inspired by cosmic beauty and futuristic elements, presenting a powerful queen of the universe.
- **Austrian Award: FACEPAINTING** – *Theme: Spirit of Vienna*
Artists interpret the artistic spirit, culture, and elegance of Vienna through a creative facepainting design.

For more details, the rules and information about the Championships, visit the WBA-Website:

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