

Spring & Summer 2026



Spring & Summer 2026 Preview

Spring and summer 2026 are just around the corner – and with them come **many exciting events for the international bodypainting scene!** From vibrant city competitions to stunning island festivals and world championships, this season is full of creativity, connection, and unforgettable artistic moments.

Let's take a look at what's ahead:

WBA Event **French Bodypainting Award 2026** **at the Beauty Experience**

Paris | June 6





Photo: Dimitri Moisseev

The French Bodypainting Award 2026 takes center stage at **The Beauty Experience Paris**, elevating the event with artistic excellence, creativity, and an electric, inspiring atmosphere. As one of the highlights of this dynamic beauty platform, it brings together top talents, global brands, and a passionate international community in the heart of one of Europe's most iconic cities. This is a unique opportunity **to connect and create** alongside leading make-up artists and bodypainters from around the world.

Again international experts will judge the **Brush & Sponge** category this year: Bella Volen (Austria/Bulgaria), Florine Colledara (Italy), , and **James Molloy** (Great Britain) - founder of the MyKitCo brand.



Supporter of the French Bodypainting Award

Even though **artist registrations for the French Bodypainting Award 2026 are already closed**, you still have the chance **to be part of this exciting event** as a visitor!

The award is part of **The Beauty Experience** – a new must-attend event for beauty professionals and enthusiasts from France and across Europe. This inspiring weekend brings together the entire make-up community: meet top artists, discover independent brands, and connect with leading names in the industry. More infos: www.thebeautyexperience.fr

WBA Event

Hvar Bodypainting Festival 2026



Photo: Daniel Janesch

Join us on one of Croatia's most beautiful islands for a truly unique open-air art experience!

Day 1 features an exciting **bodypainting competition** inspired by a theme **Stories in Wonderland - where everyday life turns into a fairytale.**

Day 2 invites everyone to a relaxed **jam session by the sea**, celebrating creativity without limits.

Photographer Opportunity

Photographers are warmly invited to capture this extraordinary event!

- Limited to **15 photographers only**
- Participation fee: **€199**
- Includes:
 - Access to all festival areas and models
 - Boat transfers from Hvar port to the competition and jam session location
 - Stunning natural backdrops
 - Snacks during the day

This is a rare chance to expand your portfolio and work with international artists in beautiful surroundings.

Photo Ticket



Photo: WBF Crew Photo Team (Daniel Janesch)

Competition Day – June 13

Artists will compete in the **Open Bodypainting Category**, combining brush, sponge, and airbrush techniques with creative elements.

Prizes:

1st Place: €1,000

2nd Place: €500

3rd Place: €250

The day ends with presentations, photoshoots, and an award ceremony.

Important Information

The meeting point is at the **ferry station in the harbor of Hvar Town on the island of Hvar**. From there, transfers will be provided to the locations for both the competition and the jam session.

This applies to photographers, models, and artists alike. Transfers will be organized for all participants. The evening program will also take place in the **old town of Hvar Town**.

Official Jury

We are proud to present our outstanding jury: **Johannes Stötter** (Italy), **Bella Volen** (Austria/Bulgaria) and **Ernst Wieser** (Austria).
More information: hvar.wb-association.org

Registration is OPEN

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World Championships in Camouflage & Facepainting

Sterzing/ Vipiteno, 3rd & 4th July

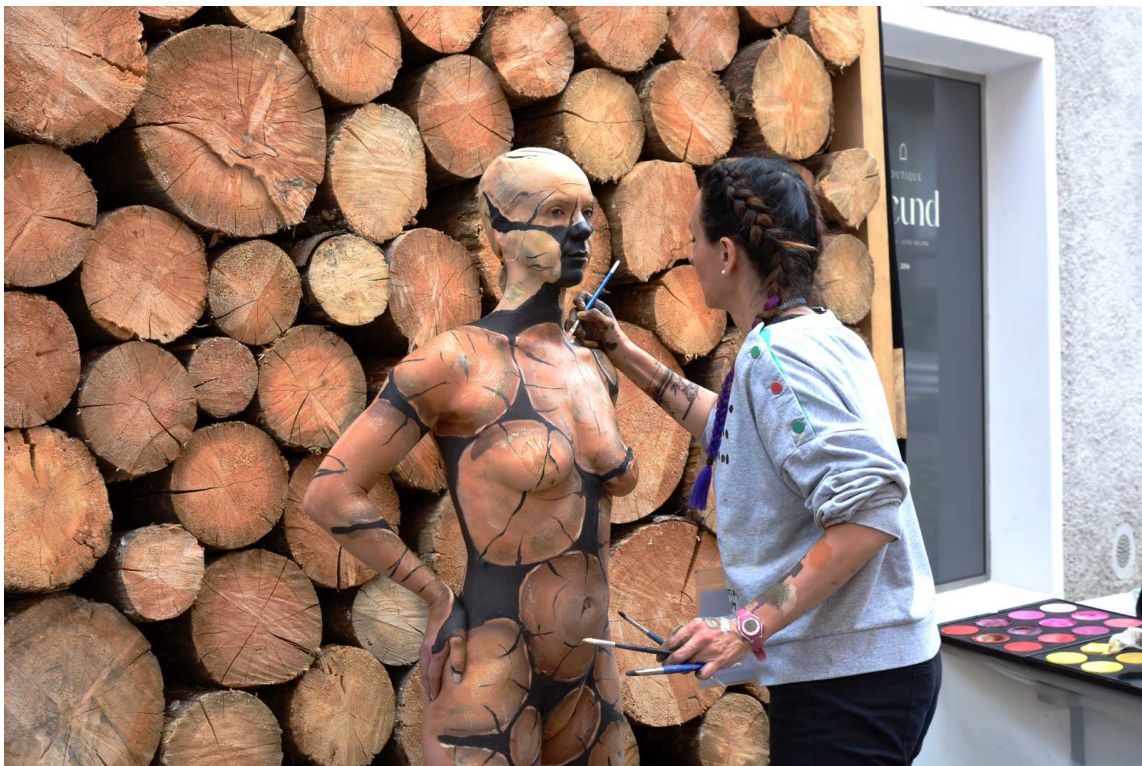


Photo: Daniel Janesch

The World Bodypainting Festival returns with **two** spectacular **world championship categories to Sterzing/Vipiteno, Italy.**

World Award: Camouflage (presented by KRYOLAN)

A unique discipline where models blend seamlessly into their surroundings through precise illusion painting.

Only 4 artist spots remaining!

Prizes:

1st Place: €1,500 + €1,000 product voucher

2nd Place: €700 + €700 product voucher

3rd Place: €400 + €300 product voucher

World Championship: Facepainting (presented by SUPERSTAR)

A powerful category focused on expression, storytelling, and technical excellence on the human face.

Prizes:

1st Place: €1,000 + product prize

2nd Place: €500 + product prize

3rd Place: €300 + product prize

Registration deadline: June 1st, 2026.

For full details, registration, and updates, please visit:

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Photo Day with Lora & Tobias
(only one spot left)

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WBF Finland 2026

Preview

Helsinki, Finland | 16th - 18th October



Photo: Tobias Spranger @ the WBF Finland 2025

Helsinki once again becomes a creative hotspot as the World Bodypainting Festival returns to the **I Love Me Expo**, Northern Europe's largest beauty and wellness event.

October 17

Nordic Award: Fashion Editorial Make-Up

Nordic Award: Red Carpet Make-Up

Nordic Award: Bodypainting

October 18

World Award: Creative Make-Up

Nordic Award: Facepainting

World Award: Creative Make-Up Prizes

1st Place: €1,000

2nd Place: €700

3rd Place: €300

Why Helsinki?

Helsinki is the perfect host city for World Championship, known for its vibrant creative scene and strong community of talented artists. The city combines innovation, design, and artistic expression, making it an inspiring destination for international competitions.

The *I Love Me Expo* is one of the largest beauty and wellness events in Europe, offering the ideal platform for our categories. With its dynamic

atmosphere and strong industry presence, it provides the perfect stage to showcase creativity, talent, and world-class artistry.

Registration is now open!

All **themes, categories, and artist guidelines** are available online – get ready to present your creativity and be part of this inspiring event:

More information
on our WBF website



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