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14 NOVEMBER: FACEPAINTING

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## ARTIST INFO 2025 ONLINE AWARDS



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## Introduction | General Information

14<sup>th</sup> May 2025, Changes may apply

### **World Bodypainting Festival 2025 - Online Categories**

The **online categories** will take place on **14<sup>th</sup>, 15<sup>th</sup> and 16<sup>th</sup>** of November 2025.

At the same time, there will be the opportunity to join a WBF Hotspot and thus take part in the World Bodypainting Festival together with artists of your country.

If you are interested to host a Hot Spot, please contact us [via email](#).

#### ➔ **General Information:**

- Registration is only possible online at [www.bodypainting-festival.com](http://www.bodypainting-festival.com)
- It is possible to participate in 2 or more categories.
- The fee for the online competition is **€ 30 per category**.
- Payment of the fee of 30 euros is mandatory and must be made no later than **7 days** after confirmation, otherwise your registration will be expired.
- **Deadline for registering:** 1<sup>st</sup> November 2025  
ATTENTION: Please do not make any transfers WITHOUT a previous confirmation letter with your artist ID.
- If you decide to **cancel your registration**, please write us on short notice.

### Guidelines for all categories

- Painting **assistants are NOT allowed** in any category.  
**The participant must work alone, you have therefore 8 hours of time in bodypainting categories!**
- There is **no fixed starting time!** You start working in **YOUR TIME ZONE** on a **specific day** of your category. It is up to you when exactly you start, but you must complete the artwork **within the given time.**
- We gave extra time for online categories, so you can easily handle the photos etc.
- Prepare a **short explanation** of your work - max. 170 words / 1000 characters, in English ONLY!
- The **winners will be announced** at the online streaming on the 21<sup>st</sup> of November. Time will be communicated later.

#### ➔ WBF upload tool

- The submission of all relevant documents (artist and model agreements, a short description of your work and all photos - see below) is only possible via the **WBF upload tool.**
- A corresponding personalized access code (PIN) and a detailed description of the tool will be sent out after the registration deadline in November.

#### ➔ Jury Photos for both ONLINE BODYPAINTING categories:

- **6 pictures** of the process must be taken regularly during the competition time. (8 hours). The first picture at the beginning of the competition and the last picture right at the end of the competition.

*These photos are used for the time tracking only.*





**Guidelines for the jury photos:**

- Photos for the judging process - should be taken after 8 hours painting time.
- Take the jury photos only in front of a **mono colored background** (any color)



Photo (1) from the **front**, (2) from **behind**, (3) from the **left**, and (4) from the **right** (*always with the entire body in the picture*), close-ups of the **upper body** (5) from the **front** and (6) from **behind**, Photo (7) of the **artist together with the model**.

- The photos must be in high resolution, jpp format but no camera raw files !

**→ Jury Photos for ONLINE FACEPAINTING Award:**

- 6 pictures of the process must be taken regularly during the competition time. (3 hours). The first picture at the beginning of the competition and the last picture right at the end of the competition.

**Guidelines for the jury photos:**

- Photos for the judging process - should be taken after 3 hours makeup time.
- Take the jury photos only in front of a **mono colored background** (any color).



**Portrait photos** (1) from the front, (2) **45 degrees** from the **left side**, (3) **45 degrees** from the **right side**, **Close-up photos:** (4) and (5) photos of the **eyes**, (6) photo of the **lips**. Photo (7) of the **artist together with the model**.

- The photos must be in high resolution, jpg format but no camera raw files!

➔ **Format for the PHOTOS:**

- **JPG ONLY** (NO Camera RAW, NO TIFF, NO PNG, NO GIF, etc.)
- **Please note, the photos might NOT upload, if each file is bigger than 10 MB.**
- Only photos **without retouching** will be judged!  
Retouched photos will not be judged, but we are happy to receive them and share them on our channels later.

*You are of course welcome to share your work process on social media. Please tag the **World Bodypainting Festival** page on **Facebook and Instagram** or use the official hashtag **#wbfestival2025** on other social media channels.*

➔ **Tips for taking the photos:**

- Please make sure to **set up your photo studio** or the place you are going to take your photos on time!
- Make sure to have **good light** conditions, ideally no mixed light.
- **Don't take** pictures **against the light/sun** or windows.
- **Take enough photos** and select them after reviewing them on your computer to make sure you got a sharp and not blurry image.

**Category overview, Prizes, Themes & Dates**

As of May 2025 – further prizes may be added later



**Friday, 14<sup>th</sup> of November 2025**  
**Online Award: Facepainting**

**Theme: "Sacred Faces: Painted traditions of the world "**

- 1 Place Trophy + € 700 in cash + € 1.000 KRYOLAN Product Prize Voucher
- 2 Place Trophy + € 400 in cash + € 700 KRYOLAN Product Prize Voucher
- 3 Place Trophy + € 200 in cash + € 300 KRYOLAN Product Prize Voucher



**Saturday, 15<sup>th</sup> of November 2025**  
**Online Award: Brush / Sponge Bodypainting**

**Theme: "Freedom vs. Control"**

- 1 Place Trophy + € 700 in cash + € 1.000 KRYOLAN Product Prize Voucher
- 2 Place Trophy + € 400 in cash + € 700 KRYOLAN Product Prize Voucher
- 3 Place Trophy + € 200 in cash + € 300 KRYOLAN Product Prize Voucher



**Sunday, 16<sup>th</sup> of November 2025**  
**Online Award: Airbrush Bodypainting**

**Theme: "What money should buy"**

- 1 Place Trophy + € 700 in cash + € 1.000 KRYOLAN Product Prize Voucher
- 2 Place Trophy + € 400 in cash + € 700 KRYOLAN Product Prize Voucher
- 3 Place Trophy + € 200 in cash + € 300 KRYOLAN Product Prize Voucher



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**THEME DESCRIPTION:****Friday, 14<sup>th</sup> of November 2025****Online Award: Facepainting**

**Sacred Faces: Painted traditions of the world** – a journey through ancestral brushstrokes, where every line tells a story from ancient rituals to festive celebrations around the globe.

**Saturday, 15<sup>th</sup> of November 2025****Online Award: Brush / Sponge Bodypainting**

**Freedom vs. Control** - A timeless struggle.

This theme dives into the tension between liberation and restriction, personal choice and imposed rules, individuality and obedience. Explore what freedom looks like, and what forms control can take—political, social, mental, or emotional. Your bodypainting can express resistance, escape, balance, or even surrender. Let the skin become the battleground or the celebration of one's fight to be free.

**Sunday, 16<sup>th</sup> of November 2025****Online Award: Airbrush Bodypainting****What money should buy**

What truly holds value in today's world? This theme challenges artists to question materialism, power, and the idea of worth.

Should money buy happiness, security, health, time—or is its influence corrupting the human spirit?

This is your chance to explore the contrast between consumerism and human values, highlighting what money can, cannot, or should never buy. Be bold, thought-provoking, and creative in how you reflect this powerful question through your art.



## Specific rules for each category



### Online Award: Facepainting

This category represents skills of the artist in fitting a painting of story on a model's face.

- An assistant is NOT allowed.
- Only one model may be painted.
- The face, neck and décolletage may be painted and will be judged only.  
All work outside these areas are not going to be judged.
- It **is allowed** to work on hair, do an imitation of bald head, nails, painted hands before the competition.

#### The jury judges:

Quality, technique and ability of painting	1 – 10 points
Interpretation of the theme, idea and originality	1 – 10 points
Composition of the work, overall impression	1 – 10 points

#### The following is a list of **THINGS ALLOWED** in this category:

- Fake eyelashes, nails, eye lenses
- Wigs, imitations of bald heads
- Glitter in loose form or spray on form
- Decoration accessories on the head and shoulders

#### Here are a few specifications of things **NOT ALLOWED** in this category:

- Masks, mask pieces or other SFX.
- Pieces that are glued to the face.
- Airbrush technique

**The competition lasts up to (max.) 3 hours.**



### Online Award: Brush / Sponge Bodypainting

- This category is judged purely on classical painting technique.
- Airbrushing is **not allowed** in this category.
- The use of attachments is **not allowed** in this category.

#### The jury judges:

Quality, technique, and ability	1 – 12 points
Interpretation of the theme, idea, and originality	1 – 9 points
Composition of the work, overall impression	1 – 9 points

#### The following is a list of **THINGS ALLOWED** in this category:

- Sketch, stencils, and transparent paper
- False fingernails, false eyelashes
- Eye lenses
- Headpieces, wigs or hair attachmens
- Imitation of the bold head is allowed to glue before the competition time
- Shoes coming up not higher than the knee
- Glitter in a loose form on spray form
- Nipple covers

*Anything not included in this list is not to be used and is against the rules.*

#### Here are a few specifications of things **NOT ALLOWED** in this category:

- Crystal diamonds
- Glitter in a glue form or attached with glue
- Anything attached to the skin with any type of glue
- Anything attached to the body with string, elastic, or tape - other than decorative headwear as specified above.

**The competition lasts up to (max.) 8 hours.**



### Online Award: Airbrush Bodypainting

This category is judged purely on airbrush technique.

- A brush and sponge are **allowed** to be used.
- The use of attachments is **not allowed** in this category.
- The jury judges:
 

Quality, technique and ability	1 – 12 points
Interpretation of the theme, idea and originality	1 – 9 points
Composition of the work, overall impression	1 – 9 points

The following is a list of **THINGS ALLOWED** in this category:

- Sketch, stencils and transparent paper
- False Fingernails, Eyelashes
- Eye fashion lenses
- Shoes coming up not higher than the knee
- Wigs
- Glitter in loose form or spray on form
- Nipple covers

Anything not included in this list is not to be used and is against the rules.

Here are a few specifications of things **NOT ALLOWED** in this category:

- Crystal diamonds
- Glitter in a glue form or attached with glue
- Anything attached to the skin with any type of glue as masks ect.
- Anything attached to the body with string, elastic, or tape - other than headwear as specified above.

The competition lasts up to (max.) 8 hours.

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