

68th CWAJ Print Show (2025)

Artwork Submission Guidelines

The College Women's Association of Japan (CWAJ) has held the CWAJ Print Show annually since 1956 to exhibit and sell contemporary Japanese prints, helping to preserve passion in the art of printmaking and share it with the world. CWAJ has used the net sales proceeds to provide scholarships and grants to more than 900 Japanese and international students, visually impaired students, and print artists. The 68th CWAJ Print Show will open at the Hillside Forum in Daikanyama in October 2025. We welcome all eligible artists to apply.

SUBMISSION PERIOD

Saturday, March 1, 2025 – Monday, March 31, 2025 (by 5:00 pm)

SUBMISSION ELIGIBILITY

Applicants, or their applicant representative, must reside in Japan. As an exception, applicants who have been selected to exhibit in a past CWAJ Print Show are eligible to apply without a contact address in Japan, however, you will be required to prepay for overseas shipping, in the event you require your print to be returned to an overseas address.

AWARDS AND SELECTION

All selected artists will be featured in the CWAJ catalogue and will receive an invitation to the opening reception. All selected works will be exhibited and sold at the 68th CWAJ Print Show. The recipient of the Print Show Committee Award will be invited to exhibit in the 69th CWAJ Print Show in 2026.

ARTWORK REQUIREMENTS

Two-dimensional prints with editions are eligible. All print techniques and mediums are welcome.

- A.P., E.A., and mono-prints are ineligible.

- The artist's signature, the title of the print, the edition number, and the year the print was produced need to be written on the print (on the front or back).
- The submitted print must be a creation of the applicant. Prints that have been produced in collaboration with another artist are ineligible.
- Prints that have been produced within the last three years are preferred.
- The print's paper size should not exceed the maximum size of 90cm x 100cm.
- The print must be available for sale.
- Only one print per applicant can be submitted.

*Prints that do not meet the above requirements and/or require extra care to handle will not be accepted.

SELECTION PROCESS

Selection will be based on a two-stage process:

- A first screening of a digital image of the work
- A second screening of the actual work

SELECTION ADVISORS

KURACHI Hisashi (Professor, Aichi University of the Arts)

Dr. KUWAHARA Noriko (Art Historian)

MACHIMURA Haruka (Curator, Machida City Museum of Graphic Arts)

MIZUSAWA Tsutomu (Art Historian, Art Critic)

Representative of CWAJ

SUBMISSION FEE

A non-refundable submission fee of 3,000 yen is required. You can pay the submission fee by credit card or bank transfer during the submission period, prior to submitting your artwork. The applicant name should appear as the payer's name.

- For credit card payments, please use the following link: <https://square.link/u/q3GXmkqE>

- For bank transfer, please remit to:
Mitsui Sumitomo Bank
Meguro Branch
Account Number: 7198489
Account Name: Ippan Shadan Hojin CWAJ

*The submission fee is non-refundable.

*Submission fees go to CWAJ's Scholarship and Education Programs.

SUBMISSION PROCEDURES

For first-time applicants:

The link to the online submission form will be uploaded to the [Artwork Submission](#) webpage during the last week of February. Please check the website during this period.

For returning applicants:

You will receive the Artwork Submission Guidelines via email in early February, and another email in the last week of February with instructions and a link to access the pre populated artist portal.

Please submit your application via the link emailed to you, not the link on the website. If you do not receive these emails, please contact us directly at submissions@cwaj.org. Ensure you include your full name and phone number in your email.

Note: the application portal will be accessible only during the submission period (Saturday, March 1, 2025 - Monday, March 31, 2025 until 5:00 pm).

If you cannot access the online submission form or experience any difficulties in the submission process, please send an email to submissions@cwaj.org. Ensure you include your full name and phone number in your email.

Image file details:

The file must be submitted in jpeg format. Approximately 5 MB or above in size and more than 350

dpi (catalogue size). The image of your print should be taken from the front without distortion and should include the edges of the paper.

Note: The image you submit will be used in the first stage of the selection process without alteration or modifications, also when selected for the Print Show catalogue. If the image you submitted is not suitable for catalogue printing, CWAJ will charge a fee to cover the cost of having the printer retake the photograph. Submitted image files will not be returned.

ANNOUNCEMENT OF THE FIRST SELECTION RESULTS

Applicants will be notified by April 27, 2025.

SUBMISSION OF ARTWORK FOR THE FINAL SELECTION

Acceptance period: May 14, 2025 and May 15, 2025 (scheduled)

Delivery location: 68th CWAJ Print Show Committee address (listed at the bottom of the page)

Delivery method: Prepaid postage or in-person delivery

*Applicants are responsible for postage fees. Prints should be shipped unmatted, unmounted, and unframed. Details will be sent to those who pass the first selection.

ANNOUNCEMENT OF THE FINAL SELECTION RESULTS

Applicants will be notified by May 31, 2025.

RETURN OF ARTWORK TO UNSELECTED APPLICANTS

Unselected applicants will have their artworks returned to their nominated address in Japan by the end of June 2025. An exception is made for artists who have previously exhibited in the CWAJ Print Show who require their print to be returned to them at an overseas location, but on principle, return shipping within Japan is preferred. The shipping fees either to local or overseas addresses shall be paid by the applicant, and must be prepaid in the case of overseas shipping. Where practical, we will return the artwork in its original delivery packaging.

PRINT SHOW OVERVIEW

Date: Wednesday, October 15, 2025 – Sunday, October 19, 2025

Location: Hillside Forum F (Daikanyama), 18-8 Sarugaku-cho, Shibuya-ku, Tokyo

CWAJ Print Show Online Gallery: <https://cwaj-gallery.jp/> (the exact dates will be announced at a later time)

PRINT SALES

Selected prints will be matted for display and available for purchase at the CWAJ Print Show and on the CWAJ Print Show Online Gallery website.

- When a print is sold, 50% of the sales price before tax will go to the artist.
- The sales price of each print (before tax) should be the same as the gallery price (before tax). The sales price cannot be changed after CWAJ receives the print.
- Prior to the start of the Print Show, CWAJ can store additional editions of prints. CWAJ may also request artists to send additional editions of prints after the end of the Print Show.
- CWAJ will contact artists with the sale results of the Print Show and Print Show Online Gallery by mid-November. At that time, CWAJ will also provide details on delivery methods for additional orders and return methods for unsold prints. CWAJ will remove the mats from the prints and return them in their original form.

EXEMPTION CLAUSE AND MISCELLANEOUS ITEMS

- If you do not receive the selection results from CWAJ by the stated notification dates, please contact us at submissions@cwaj.org
- We do not respond to inquiries about specific details of the selection process.
- CWAJ reserves the right to rescind a selection offer for any valid reason, including noncompliance with the submission requirements.

- Please contact us as soon as possible if your contact information changes after you have submitted your application.
- While every care will be taken in handling the works, the organizers will not be held responsible for any accidents or damage to the works during transportation, unpacking, packaging, exhibition, or other handling procedures related to the entry and return of the works. If deemed necessary, applicants are responsible for insuring their works at their own expense.
- CWAJ reserves the right to photograph and use photographs of the selected entries to prepare the Print Show catalogue and promote the CWAJ Print Show. This includes posting images of the prints on websites and social media pages.
- The CWAJ Print Show Committee will contact you in advance if your artwork will be used in a product for sale. Any copyright fees incurred in such cases will be donated to CWAJ Scholarship and Education Programs.

CONTACT

Email: printshow@cwaj.org

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All net proceeds from the CWAJ Print Show go to CWAJ Scholarship and Education Programs.