

The 70th CWAJ Print Show Commemorative Grand Prize Exhibition

Since its founding in 1956, the CWAJ Print Show has exhibited and promoted Japanese prints. Support from our artists has enabled us to continue the show to this day, and we thank you all from the bottom of our hearts.

To mark seven decades of the CWAJ Print Show in 2027, the 70th show will present a “Commemorative Grand Prize Exhibition.” Works will be solicited through an open call to print artists, and 70 works selected by jury will be exhibited. From among them, one artist will receive the Grand Prize of ¥700,000, and three will each receive an Award of Excellence of ¥50,000.

We look forward to receiving fresh and ambitious works that offer a glimpse of the future of printmaking.

Exhibition Overview (Tentative)

Exhibition	The 70th CWAJ Print Show: Commemorative Grand Prize Exhibition (Concurrent Exhibition: <i>KOKI: A 70-Year Legacy</i>)
Dates & Venue	October 13–17, 2027 Hillside Forum
Prizes	Commemorative Grand Prize for one artist: ¥700,000 Commemorative Award of Excellence for three artists: ¥50,000 each * The Grand Prize is a purchase prize, and one copy of the winning work will become the property of CWAJ. The 70 selected works will be published in the CWAJ Print Show catalog, and their artists will receive an invitation to the opening night reception.
Application period	February 20 (Sat) – March 10 (Wed), 2027
How to apply	To apply, fill in the online form and submit it with a print image
Submission fee	¥7,000 ¥4,000 for applicants under 30 years of age as of March 31, 2027
Delivery of work to CWAJ	Around March 20 (CWAJ will contact applicants after receiving applications).
Selection	The jury will select works in person. There will be no preliminary selection based on images only.
Results	Applicants will be notified individually by email.
Eligibility	Open to all. However, all submissions (and returns) must be from or to an address inside Japan, so all artists overseas must arrange an agent in Japan. We cannot accept deliveries from overseas, return works overseas or send payments overseas.

Requirements for Works

- Two-dimensional works created with the aim of print expression
- Works created by the applicant in 2025 or later that have not been shown in any open-call exhibition and can be sold at the 70th CWAJ Print Show in October 2027.
- Paper size within 90 cm × 105 cm
- One entry per artist

* We will not accept works that do not meet these requirements or that we judge will require excessive care in handling.

The detailed entry guidelines and the application form will be published on the CWAJ website in early December 2026. Artists who have applied to CWAJ in recent years will also be notified by email.