



VIII INTERNATIONAL PASTEL BIENNIAL EXHIBITION IN SPAIN

OVIEDO – LEÓN - ALICANTE

WITH MAJOR NEW DEVELOPMENTS:

For the first time, the Biennial will exhibit its works in three important cities in Spain:

OVIEDO-LEÓN-ALICANTE

Open to the public from February 13th to May 7th, 2026

FIRST PHASE:

OVIEDO

- Venue in pending confirmation (Sala Trascorrales / Congress and Exhibition Center)
- Dates: February 13th to March 1st, 2026
- All selected works will be exhibited

SECOND PHASE:

LEÓN

- “Ateneo Cultural El Albéitar” (University of León)
Address: C. Luis de Sosa, s/n – 24004 – León
- Dates: March 11th to April 17th, 2026
- All selected works will be exhibited

THIRD PHASE:

ALICANTE

- Exhibition Hall of the Asociación de Artistas Alicantinos
Address: C. Arquitecto Morell, 11, 03003 – Alicante
- Dates: April 24th to May 7th, 2026
- Exhibited works: Awarded and selected works, as well as Guest of Honor artists

FORMAT AND CHARACTERISTICS OF THE WORKS TO BE EXHIBITED

- Exclusively works created in DRY PASTEL, on any type of support (mixed media is allowed only if pastel is the dominant technique, comprising at least 80% of the final result. In case of mixed media, the artist must specify the other techniques or materials used in addition to pastel).
- Works must not have been previously exhibited in other ASPAS exhibitions or contests.

- MAXIMUM WIDTH INCLUDING FRAME: 100 cm. Works will be transported between venues, no exceptions will be allowed.
- Works must be FRAMED AND PROTECTED WITH GLASS OR ACRYLIC (Plexiglass); for shipped works, acrylic is strongly recommended for safety reasons.
- Works must arrive ready to hang, with hooks already attached or at least with holes prepared for screwing the hooks in. Works wider than 50 cm must include two sided-hooks.
- Works must be sent in RIGID, EASY-TO-OPEN, AND REUSABLE PACKAGING for return shipping.
- The association reserves the right to reject any selected work that does not match the description submitted or fails to comply with originality requirements.

REGISTRATION REQUIREMENTS

- Each artist may submit a MAXIMUM OF FOUR WORKS, provided that they fit the size and technique requirements.
- A DIGITAL PHOTO of each submitted work is required (300 dpi, max. 4 MP), in color. The photo file must be named as follows: Artist's name – Title of the work – Total dimensions in cm (e.g., velazquez-las meninas – 40×50). Photos must not include the frame or glass.
- Photos must be sent exclusively via email to: aspas-pastel@aspas-pastel.es. Submissions by post or CD will not be accepted.
- A completed registration form (see at the end of the document) must be attached to the email as well.
- A registration fee of €10 per artist is required, regardless of selection outcome.
- Incomplete registrations will not be accepted.
- ORIGINAL WORKS ONLY: Artists must sign a declaration stating that the submitted pastels are entirely original and exclusively their own. Copies of works by other artists (of any era or type, including photographs), even with permission, or works created in workshops or under supervision, are not accepted.
- Artists agree to keep their works in the exhibition from the beginning in Oviedo until the end in Alicante (for awarded/selected works) or León (for the rest).

SELECTION

An independent jury of qualified painters will select the works to be exhibited from the submissions received. The jury's decision is final.

To ensure transparency and independence, the names of the jury members will be made public once the selection process is complete.

GENERAL SCHEDULE

- Registration opens: **August 15th, 2025**
- Registration deadline: **October 1st, 2025**
- Artists notified of jury decisions: **From December 8th, 2025**
(Selected artists will receive payment instructions and shipping address for their works)
- Reception of works in Oviedo: **February 6th to 9th, 2026**
- OVIEDO OPENING: Friday, **February 13th, 2026**
 - Public opening in Oviedo: **February 14th, 2026**
 - Closing in Oviedo: Sunday, **March 1st, 2026**
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- LEÓN OPENING: **March 11th, 2026**
 - Closing in León: **April 17th, 2026**
 - **Pickup and return of non-selected/non-awarded works from León: April 20th–21st, 2026**
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- ALICANTE OPENING (for awarded, selected, and guest of honor works): **April 24th, 2026**
 - **Closing in Alicante: May 7th, 2026**

PARTICIPATION AND EXHIBITION FEES

A) REGISTRATION FEE: €10.

To be paid upon registration, regardless of the selection outcome.

B) EXHIBITION FEES:

Selected artists will pay **€45 PER EXHIBITED WORK**

(€35 for ASPAS members in good standing for the year 2025).

Payment must be made after the jury's decision.

C) ASPAS 2026 MEMBERSHIP (requirements for selected artists):

Selected artists must pay the 2026 annual ASPAS fee of €50.

Every artist whose work is accepted will be considered an ASPAS member for the year 2026.

PAYMENT METHODS:

- BANK TRANSFER:
IBAN: ES57 3059 0083 7927 19538726
Bank: Caja Rural de Asturias
Address: Melquiades Alvarez 7, Oviedo
Postal code: 33002
Account holder: Pintores Pastelistas Españoles – ASPAS
BIC / SWIFT: BCOEESMM059
- PayPal to: aspas_pastel@yahoo.es
Important: **Add a €5 surcharge for PayPal payments.**

D) All participating artists will receive a COLOR CATALOG published by ASPAS for the Biennial.

AWARDS

An independent jury (different from the selection jury) will evaluate the works of participating artists (excluding the official section of the Guest Country of Honor) to grant awards, in collaboration with institutions and sponsors supporting the Biennial.

To ensure transparency and independence, jury names will be announced after their work is completed.

Awards will include a certificate and a monetary prize or art materials, depending on the agreements with sponsors (currently being finalized).

In previous Biennials, the total prize amount reached €9,000.

GUESTS OF HONOR

For this VIII Biennial, the guest Artists of Honor will be Pastel Artists from AFRICA.

There will be an official section composed of works of various african painters selected by ASPAS

More information in www.aspas-pastel.es or 633678976 / 679930496



INSCRIPTION FORM
VIII INTERNATIONAL PASTEL BIENNIAL
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FIRST NAME:		SURNAME:			
POSTAL ADDRESS:			ZIPCODE ANF CITY :		COUNTRY:
LANDLINE PHONE:			MOBILE PHONE:		
E-MAIL ADDRESS:			WEBSITE:		
NAME OF THE WORK/s		SIZE EN CM (FRAMMED)	FOR MIXED TECHNIQUES, SPECIFY:	FEE IN €	
1					
2					
3					
4					

The one who subscribes _____ declares to know and accept the rules of the **VIII Internacional pastel biennial in Spain**, and presents this/theses work/s (the digital/s photograph/s of which goes/go with this request) for its/their selection.

Thus, declares these works are his/hers and original, they are neither copies of others artists or have been painted under the supervision of another painter.

In _____ in _____ of _____ of 2025 signature

- **Warning: Send work along with digital photography/ies to:** aspas-pastel@aspas-pastel.es
- **This subscription goes with a 10€ fee** the payment must be done either by bank transfert to the account : **IBAN ES57 3059 0083 7927 1953 8726**, or by **PayPal to the account of ASPAS:** aspas_pastel@yahoo.es
Payment by check will not be accepted.

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