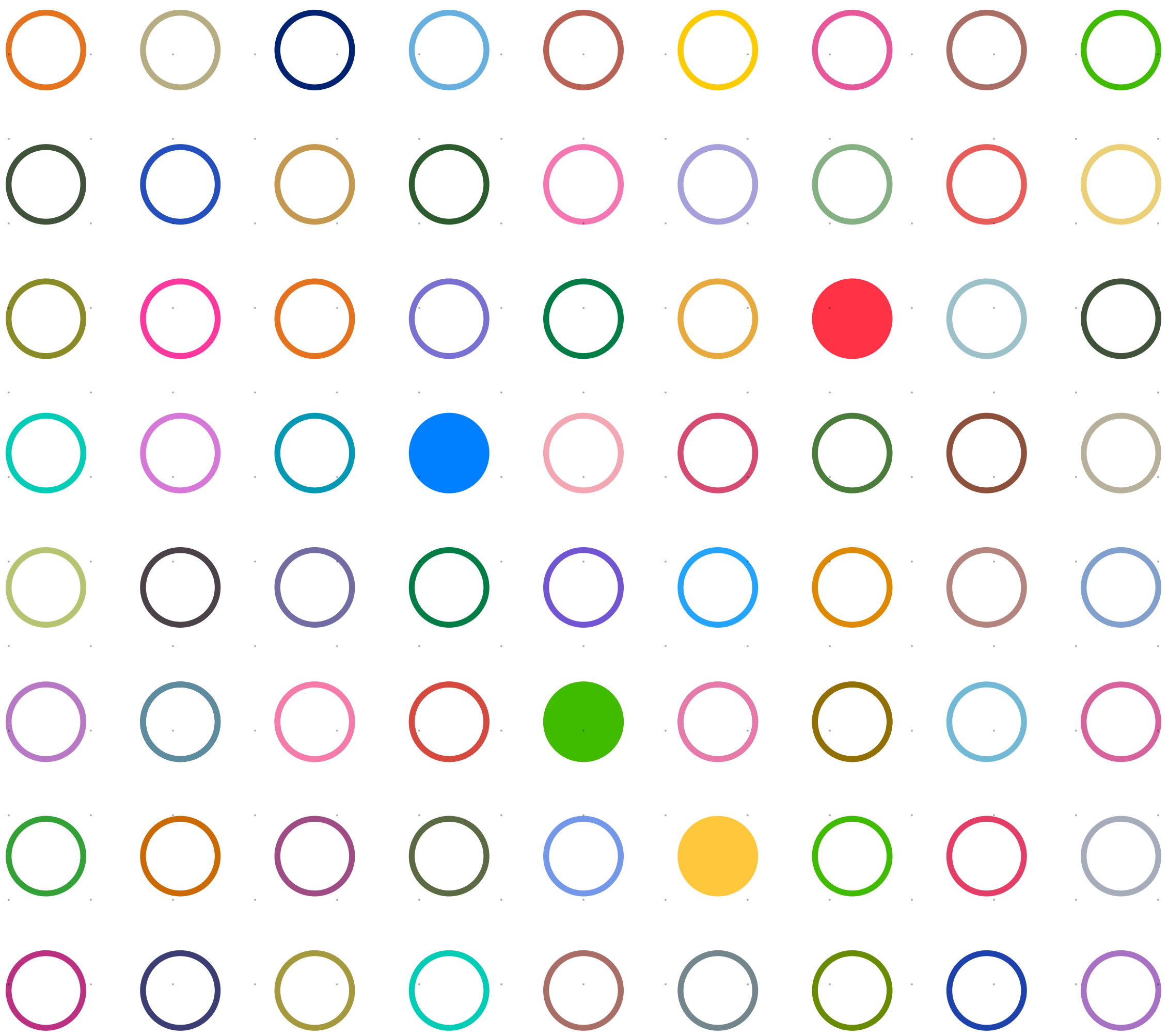


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Rooted in Kerala and open to the world, it fosters creativity, cultural exchange, and lifelong learning.

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Submission Guidelines

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Eligibility

1. Participation is open to individuals aged 17 years and above.
2. Artists, cultural practitioners, printmakers, graphic designers, collectives and creative practitioners from all disciplines may apply.
3. Only one submission per participant is permitted.

Accepted Media

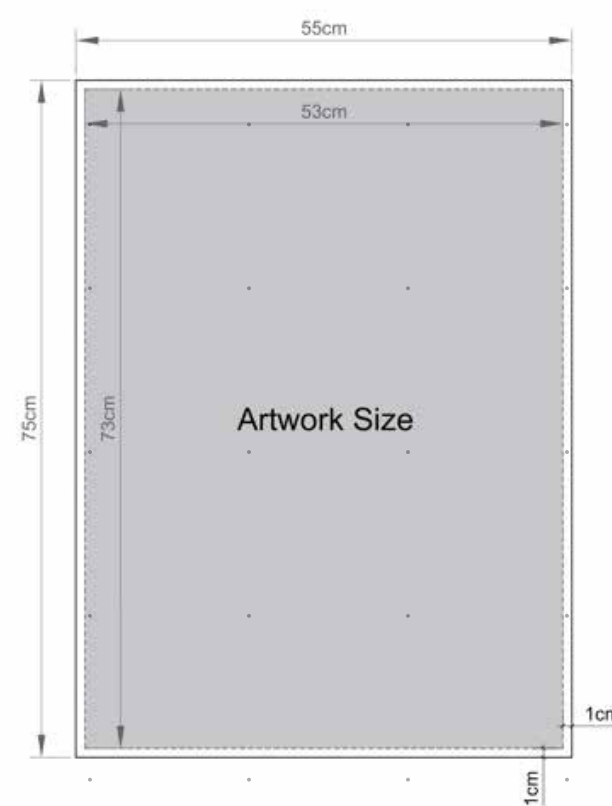
The following mediums are eligible for submission:

- Drawing
- Painting
- Illustration
- Photography
- Printmaking
- Digital Art
- Mixed Media
- Textile Works
- Collage
- Experimental Visual Practices
- Lenticular Print

Artwork Specifications

1. All submitted works must be original and created by the applicant.
2. Digital works must be produced as museum-grade pigmented prints on archival paper of 300 gsm.
3. Size Specifications:

- Overall size- 75 cm x 55 cm
- Art work size - 53 cm x 73 cm
- Bleed - 1 cm (each side)
- Image reference:



4. Submissions may be in either portrait or landscape orientation.
5. It is mandatory to leave the specified bleed area to avoid damage or cropping during framing and production.
6. Framing of selected works will be undertaken by LaVA'com.

Submission Process

1. Applicants must complete and submit the online application form available through the "Apply Now" section of the LaVA'com website. This is mandatory.
2. Submission of the online form alone does not confirm participation. Participation is confirmed only upon receipt of the physical artwork on or before 6 July 2026.
3. All physical works must be shipped to:
Laboratory of Visual Art Pvt. Ltd.,
7th Floor, Mather Square
Xavier Arakkal Road
North Railway Station, Kacheripady
Ernakulam, Kerala, India - 682018
5. Physical artworks must reach the above address on or before 6 July 2026. Submissions received after this date will not be considered.
6. All shipping, transportation, customs, insurance and related expenses are the sole responsibility of the participant.
7. If your work was created digitally and later printed, you may also email a soft copy to awards@lavacom.org for record purposes. Please note that the physical printed work must still be submitted. Soft-copy submissions alone will not be considered valid entries.

Timeline

- Open Call Announcement: 6 June 2026
- Submission Deadline: 6 July 2026
- Award Winners Announcement: 13 July 2026
- Exhibition Selection Announcement: 17 July 2026
- Awards Ceremony: 6 September 2026
- Exhibition Opening: 7 September 2026

Awards

Three Jury selections will be presented:

- INR 10,00,000
- INR 5,00,000
- INR 2,50,000

Additionally, one Honourable Mention selection of INR 1,00,000 will be presented.

The awards ceremony will take place in Kochi on 6 September 2026 in the presence of the jury members and invited guests.

Ownership, Copyright & Usage Rights

1. All submitted artworks will remain in the custody of LaVA'com from the time of receipt until the completion of the jury process. Following the completion of the jury process, LaVA'com shall not be responsible for the safekeeping of non-selected works. Non-selected works must be collected by the artist within one month of the announcement of the selected works.
2. Selected artworks will remain in the custody of LaVA'com from the time of receipt until the conclusion of the exhibition, sales process and collection period. Following the completion of the exhibition, LaVA'com shall not be responsible for the safekeeping of selected works. If an exhibited work remains unsold, it must be collected by the artist within three months of the close of the exhibition.
3. Copyright and moral rights shall remain with the artist.
4. Upon submission, the artist grants LaVA'com the non-exclusive right to exhibit, archive, reproduce, publish and use images of the submitted work for exhibitions, publications, educational purposes, research and documentation, with due credit provided to the artist at all times.

Sales

1. All exhibited works will be considered available for sale.
2. Any artwork not intended for sale must be declared in advance and approved by LaVA'com.
3. The sale price of each exhibited artwork shall be mutually agreed upon by the artist and LaVA'com.
4. Revenue-sharing terms shall be agreed upon prior to any sale.

Exhibition & Publication

1. Selected artworks, along with works by invited artists, may be featured in the official COMMON GROUND catalogue publication accompanied by essays, texts and critical writings.
2. The exhibition will open on 7 September 2026.

Liability & Responsibility

- Following the completion of the jury process, LaVA'com shall not be responsible for the safekeeping, storage or maintenance of non-selected works. Non-selected works must be collected by the artist within one month of the announcement of the selected works.
- Following the completion of the exhibition and sales process, LaVA'com shall not be responsible for the safekeeping, storage or maintenance of selected works.
- Selected and exhibited works that remain unsold must be collected by the artist within three months of the conclusion of the exhibition.
- LaVA'com will not be responsible for storage beyond the stated duration.