

The International Snow-Ice Sculpture Competition
"ARCTIC ART FESTIVAL 2024"
Rovaniemi, Finland

The 2nd International Snow Sculpture Competition in Rovaniemi will be held from the 22nd till the 28th of January 2024.

The Competition aims to bring together renowned professional sculptors and artists from all over the world.

General provisions

1. This regulation determines the procedure based on which the applications for the Snow-Ice Sculpture Competition will be submitted and evaluated.
2. The competition is announced and organised with the cooperation of the Art Team Grani (ArtMind Oy) and the SnowHotel Family (Snowflake Oy)
3. The professional competition commission shall evaluate ideas submitted for the competition.
4. Participation in the competition is open to any person who has reached the age of 18.
5. The team should consist of two (2) artists. Only eight (8) teams will be invited to the Sculpture Contest in 2024.
6. The announcement of the Competition and Regulation is published on the website www.arcticartfestival.com

Festival aim and theme

1. The Festival aims to develop the city of Rovaniemi (Area of Sinettä) as a creative cultural place, which annually presents the world's latest trends in environmental art and creates a platform for exchanging experiences for artists as new ways to discover arctic art. Among mentioned, the Festival is organised to unlock the potential of winter art to the public, increase its popularity, and acquaint the younger generation with the versatility of northern art.
2. The theme of the Festival is Connect with Nature. Sculptors should reflect their vision of the provided theme in the snow artwork.

Finland and Finnish Culture are deeply connected to nature. Finnish people live hundreds of years in harmony with nature and use nature as one of the main resources for inspiration. Nature is made of everything we see around us trees, flowers, plants, animals, sky, mountains, forests, and even more. We try to keep the theme wide enough in order to see how artists from different countries transform own nature inspirations into art.

Content of competition application

The snow sculpture competition is organised in two stages:

1. **Snow sculpture sketch competition.**

The sculpting team shall submit the visual of the snow-ice sculpture sketches. Note that according to the competition rules, Snow sculpture needs to be combined with ice; check the materials described below. All sculpture designs must be original and may not have been sculpted at another competition.

At the end of the competition, the jury selects the authors of the best sketches, who acquire the right to participate in the snow sculpture contest.

2. **Snow sculpture-making competition.**

Materials and technical support

1. The organisers shall provide each participating team with:

- The dimensions of the Snow block are 3.0 m. high x 3 m. wide x 3 m. deep (10' high x 10' wide x 10' deep).
- Ice blocks the dimensions:
 - 1.0 m high x 1.0 m wide x 0.3 m deep - 1 pc (obligatory to use)
 - 1.0 m high x 1.0 m wide x 0.2 m. deep - 2 pc (optional to use)
- One shovel
- One ladder
- One electric saw

2. Sculptors need to bring other hand tools and electric tools (except those mentioned above).

3. Sculpting occurs during designated sculpting hours and must appear at the event site. The use of electric saws and other electric or battery tools is allowed by the following work schedule:

Working time: from 9.00 till 19.00

Sculptors can continue work after 19.00 until 22.00 with hand tools only.

4. The use of motor chainsaws is strictly prohibited.

5. The only materials allowed are snow, water, and ice. Ice must be used as an embellishment, not as a dominant part of the piece or as the armature. Any other material is forbidden; freezing, mechanised cooling or colourants are not allowed. The final sculpture can't have any external supports or armature.

6. The sculpture should be three-dimensional. The block of snow shall be used entirely and should be satisfactorily sculpted on all four sides without height limits. In the interests of artist excellence, teams will be allowed to use additional snow from around the event site.

7. The competition will occur in any weather conditions, but sculptors can schedule their work individually within the allowed working hours.

8. Be sure to bring cold-weather clothing (jackets, gloves, hats, socks, boots, or other).

The application procedure

1. The application form for the participants must be filled out on the official website of the Festival: www.arcticartfestival.com by the 1st of November 2023. Or a paper version of the application form and sketches must be sent to the email info@arcticartfestival.com.
2. Applications that arrive after the deadline will not be considered.
3. No entry fee is required.
4. Each team should consist of two (2) artists.
5. The team has to submit the following information:
 - Filled in the application form,
 - A sculpture sketch has to be submitted with the specification of its height and width. The drawing has to present at least back and front views in JPG format, providing the parameters of the sculpture.

Other information such as a CV, photos of previous works, link to an online portfolio or Instagram account is not obligatory but very appreciated.

The results of the Snow sculpture sketch competition will be announced after November 10th 2023, on the webpage www.arcticartfestival.com

Transportation fares

1. Organisers shall cover the actual travelling expenses up to the amounts provided below. The amount shall include the charges for forming visas if necessary.
2. Travel expenses will be divided as follows: Every team receives compensation up to **600e/team** which covers travel expenses from your occupation country to Helsinki, Finland, and back.
3. All sculptors will travel from Helsinki to Rovaniemi and back by the night train. Train tickets from Helsinki to Rovaniemi and back will be covered by the organisers.
4. In case you wish to travel another way to Rovaniemi the travel expenses won't exceed the mentioned limits.
5. Plane tickets, should send it by e-mail to the organisers in advance.
6. Travel expenses will be refunded to the bank account of participants accordingly
7. The organisers shall bear the transfer costs for the participants coming and going away from Rovaniemi.

Prizes

1. Each winning **team** of the Snow-Ice Sculpture Sketch Competition will be granted the right to participate in the Snow Sculpture Making Competition and a money prize of **EUR 500/team** after making the sculpture.
2. The cash prizes of the snow sculpture competition will be divided as follows:
 - 1st place - EUR 1500
 - 2nd place - EUR 1000
 - 3rd place - EUR 500
 - Audience award - EUR 300

The Jury may award one or several extra money prizes, not exceeding the total amount of prizes EUR 900

3. The organisers bear the expenses related to the taxes chargeable to the money prizes.
4. Organisers will pay taxes and sums payable in money prizes per the order provided by the Finnish Law.

Assessment of the Festival works

1. The winners of the Snow Sculpting Competition shall be determined according to the jury's evaluation. The works will be assessed according to the following five criteria:
 - The reflection of the theme
 - Technical Skill – use of materials, excellence in execution and presentation
 - Artistic expression and Creativity – originality of design, spirit or message of the piece, form, rhythm, and balance
 - Expressive Impact – visual and aesthetic impact on the viewer
 - Adherence to the Original Submission - faithfulness to the original design submission

Works are judged on January 27th 2024.

Work conditions, accommodation, safety

1. From 22nd to 28th of January 2024, participants will be accommodated in the guest house nearby Arctic Snow Hotel

Each team also get a possibility stay 1 night at Glass igloos two persons in one room and 1 night at Snow Hotel (optional for artists who wish to get this experience) 2-6 people in one room

Meals will be served three times a day from the January 22nd till the morning of January 28th.

2. The sculpting will occur outdoors in Sinettä on the territory of Arctic Snow Hotel Resort.
3. The festival participants working hours:

January 23th– 26th from 9 am to 10 pm;
*from 7pm till 10pm with hand tools only.

4. All works must be finished by 9:00 am on January 27th. Technical personnel and equipment will be available to participants during working hours. The organisers reserve the right to change the schedule depending on the weather conditions after consulting with the festival participants.
5. Participants have to bring their tools.
6. Participants will be instructed about the work safety rules, and signatures for work safety will have to be provided. Participants must provide their health insurance policy. Each participant is responsible for their safety, health and life.
7. Suppose, for some reason, for example, inappropriate weather conditions, the artist is willing to withdraw from the previously submitted sketch or change the sculpture's visual appearance. In that case, changes must be coordinated with the organisers. Organisations reserve the right not to cover the travel expenses and not to pay the sketch Awards if changes are made without coordinating.

Copyright

1. All sculptures created within the Festival shall remain the property of the organisers. Organisers reserve unlimited rights for the exhibition of sculptures.
2. Both the authors of the sculptures and the organisers reserve the right to freely use photos and video materials without mutual liabilities and for no additional remuneration. Organisers reserve the right to document the works for the needs of mass media in unlimited amounts.

Festival Schedule

21.01.2024 Arrival in Helsinki *before 21.00

21.01.2024 at 23.13 Night Train to Rovaniemi

21.01.2024 at 11.03 Arrival to Rovaniemi / check-in to accommodation/ lunch at Arctic Snow Hotel

22.01.2024 Evening Opening Ceremony & Welcoming Dinner at Santamuus

23.01.2024 - 26.01.2024 Snow-ice sculpture realisation

27.01.2024 Speed Carving Competition (1 ice block approx. 1x1x0,25m)

28.01.2024 Free Day in Rovaniemi

28.01.2024 at 20.57 Night Train to Helsinki

29.01.2024 at 9.15 Arrival in Helsinki

The detailed festival Schedule will be delivered to the teams who will be accepted to the competition.