COMPETITION RULES

2027

THE 30TH INTERNATIONAL BIENNAL
EXHIBITION OF MODERN EX LIBRIS

MALBORK

Janusz Trupinda, the Director of the Malbork Castle Museum, is honoured to invite you, to participate in the 30th International Biennial Exhibition of Modern Exlibris – Malbork 2027, which will take place from **June to August 2027**, within the historical interiors of the Malbork Castle.

The International Biennial Exhibition of Modern Exlibris has been held at the Malbork Castle Museum since 1963. It is the oldest cyclical artistic event in Poland showcasing the current achievements of artists in this field of art.

Taking into account the provisions of the Act of Law 13 April 2022 on special solutions to prevent the support of aggression against Ukraine and to protect national security.

Only **signed** prints from printing plates **made between 2025-2027** will be accepted for participation in the contest.
The bookplates must fulfil the following requirements:

- a dedication with the expression “ex libris” or its substitute should be integrally connected with the field of composition
- the dedication should consist of the full name of the living owner or name of the existing institution
- in the case of using initials – full name of the owner should be given on the reverse of the bookplate

- in the case of an additional text on bookplate in other than the Latin alphabet, the English transcription should be given on the reverse of the bookplate or in the Application Form
- the reverse of each print should have the following data (written with a pencil): name of the author, measurements of the bookplate, graphic technique, year of creation, opus number and subject (motif), as well as the number according to the list contained in the Application Form
- the measurement of the longer side of the print should not exceed 15 cm and of the printing paper 22 cm
- prints from graphic plates as well as works made using digital techniques (CGD, CAD, CRD) will be accepted for the competition; photographic prints and photocopies will not be accepted for the competition
- a participant may enter maximum 5 various bookplates

**The deadline for submissions is January 15, 2027 (the date of postmark).**

The bookplates sending after this date will not take part in the contest.

Artists participating in the contest for the first time are asked to submit works also made previously to 2025. The only adult art-

ists can take part in the competition. The organizers are not responsible for works that are lost or damaged during sending.

Please send the bookplates with the legible and signed Application Form to the following address:

**Muzuem Zamkowe Malbork**
**ul. Starościńska 1**
**82-200 Malbork**
**Poland**
**Footnote: 30th Exlibris Biennial Exhibition**

You can download the Application Form the contest organizer's website: http://zamek.malbork.pl. Any exlibris sent without an Application Form shall not be eligible for the contest.

Submitted works will be selected for exhibition by a jury assembled by the contest organisers. The jury debate will be held in **February 2027**. The jury's decisions are final. Every participant qualified to the exhibition will receive an exhibition catalogue.

The authors of the best sets of work will be awarded with Honorary Medals and Certificates, as well as three monetary prizes:

I Prize – 10.000,00 PLN
II Prize – 8.000,00 PLN
III Prize – 6.000,00 PLN

The following special prizes will also be awarded:

- The Award of the General Menagement of the Association of Polish Artists and Designers;
- The Mayor of Malbork's Award;
- Henryk Feilhauer's Golden Burin for young artists for the best copperplate;
- The Award of the Director of the Malbork Castle Museum for the best bookplate relating to the 500th anniversary of the Prussian Homage 1525–2025;
- The Award of the Society of Polish Bibliophiles at Warsaw;
- Wojciech Jakubowski Award.

Cash prizes shall be taxed subject to current regulations.
The list of people qualified to participate in the post-competition exhibition, including the name and surname and country of origin of the participant, will be published on the website of the Malbork Castle Malbork.

The results of the contest will be published at our website:
http://zamek.malbork.pl

The official opening of the 30th International Biennial Exhibition of Modern Exlibris joined with the award and medal ceremony will be held on **June 5, 2027** in the Malbork Castle.

For additional information, please write to:
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Any works to be exhibited shall remain MZM's property as part of the exlibris collection in Malbork, while the organizer shall return to the authors any remaining exlibris that will not be exhibited, with the costs covered by the organizer. If the participant gives the wrong address or fails to collect the parcel on time and the works will be returned to the Museum, the parcel will be available for collection in person for 6 month. In the event of not collecting it within this period, the works will be considered abandoned with the intention of disposal and will be used for purposes consistent with the Museum's statute or destroyed.

I send you my respects and count on your favourable receipt of this invitation

Janusz Trupinda Ph.D.
Director of the Malbork Castle Museum
Malbork, October 2026