Japan Media Arts Festival [13th]

Call for applications for the Divisions of Art, Entertainment, Animation, and Manga.
Application period: from 16 July 2009 to 25 September 2009

Japan Media Arts Festival has been an annual evevt since 1997 with the aim of promoting the creation and development of media arts, defined not only as arts using digital representations and technologies but also as entertainment genres including animation, manga, and games.

The festival recognizes and rewards creative media art works and holds exhibitions, screenings of films, symposiums, and workshops, which give audiences the opportunity to experience the vanguard of media arts.
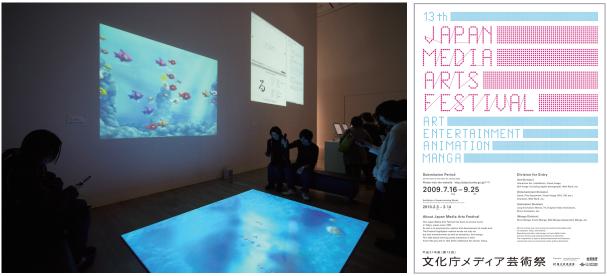The festival in 2008 had 2,146 works applied from 44 countries and regions, and attracted over 55,000 visitors. It has become the leading media arts festival in Asia.

The 2009 [13th] Media Arts Festival is calling for applications in the divisions of Art, Entertainment, Animation and Manga from 16 July 2008 to 25 September 2009.

Works eligible for application are interactive arts, films, graphics, digital photographs, web arts, games, animations and manga, regardless of whether they were created by professionals or amateurs, as a private production or for commercial purposes.

Award-winning works exhibition of the 2009 [13th] Japan Media Arts Festival will be held 3-14 February 2010 at The National Art Center, Tokyo.
Award-winning works will be also presented in more than 20 festivals both at home and abroad including Ars Electronica (Austria), X Media Forum (Russia), SIGGRAPH (the United States), Japan Expo (France), KOBE Biennale (Japan), and SENDAI SHORT FILM FESTIVAL (Japan).

Exhibition image last year

Poster Image

* The poster image is available for downloading from : http://www.cgarts.or.jp/press/2009/090625.html

Contest Information

■ **Application Period**   Thursday, 16 July 2009 – Friday, 25 September 2009

■ **Divisions**   **[Art Division]** Interactive Art, Installation, Visual Image, Still Image (including digital photograph), Web Work, etc.

[Entertainment Division] Game, Play Equipment, Visual Image (VFX, CM, MV,etc.), Character, Web Work, etc.

[Animation Division] Long Animation (Movie, TV, Original Video Animation), Short Animation, etc.

[Manga Division] Story Manga, Frame Manga, Web Manga, Independent Manga, etc.

※ We are inviting submissions of works using new media technologies such as computer, video, and the Internet. Regarding animation and manga, not only digital works but also works using existing methods are welcomed. The contest is open to both professionals as well as amateurs, commercial and non-commercial works without distinction.

■ **Prizes**   One Grand Prize, four Excellence Prizes and one Encouragement Prize are awarded in recognition of works of outstanding artistry and creativity in each division. Based on the recommendations of the jury, one Special Achievement Prize is presented to the artist who has made significant contributions to the field of media arts.

[Grand Prize] Certificate (Education, Culture, Sports, Science and Technology Minister's Prize), Trophy, Extra Prize of 600,000 yen

[Excellence Prize] Certificate (Education, Culture, Sports, Science and Technology Minister's Prize), Trophy, Extra Prize of 300,000 yen

[Encouragement Prize] Certificate (Education, Culture, Sports, Science and Technology Minister's Prize), Trophy, Extra Prize of 150,000 yen

■ **Executive Committee**   ☐ Chairperson
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KIFUNE Sonoko (Animation Artist)
NOMURA Tatsutoshi (Animation Artist)
SUZUKI Shinichi (Animation Director)

<Manga Division>
HOSOGAYA Atsushi (Associate Professor, Tokyo Polytechnic University)
MURAKAMI Tomohiko (Professor, Kobe Shoin Women's University)
NAGAI Go (Manga Artist)
SAITO Chiho (Manga Artist)
Shiriagari Kotobuki (Manga Artist)   (alphabetical order)

■ Public Nomination	Nomination of excellent works from the public is accepted through the official website: http://plaza.bunka.go.jp/ Nomination Period: Thursday, 25 June 2009 – Wednesday, 26 August 2009
■ Awards Ceremony and Exhibition	[Awards Ceremony] Tuesday, 2 February 2010 [Award-winning Works Exhibition] Wednesday, 3 February 2010 - Sunday, 14 February 2010 The National Art Center, Tokyo (7-22-2, Roppongi, Minato-ku, Tokyo, Japan)
■ URL	http://plaza.bunka.go.jp/ *Please refer to the website for the detailed information.
■ Organizer	The Japan Media Arts Festival Executive Committee (Agency for Cultural Affairs /The National Art Center, Tokyo / CG-ARTS Society)
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■ Participating festival overseas	This year Japan Media Arts Festival will perticipate in 16 festival overseas as screening or/and exhibition. Japan Animation Film Festival (Tallinnas, Estonia) 3-12 April MILANO DIGITAL ENTERTAINMENT JAM（Milano, Italy) 22-27 April Futuresonic（Manchester, United Kingdom) 13-16 May CODED CULTURES （Vienna, Austria) 27 May-7 June X Media Forum （Moscow, Russia) 20-24 June Japan Expo (Paris, France) 2-5 July SICAF （Soul, South Korea) 22-26 July FILE （Sao Paulo, Brazil 27) July-30 August SIGGRAPH （New Orleans, United States) 3-7 August Busan International Kids' Film Festival （Busan, South Korea) 14-18 August ACE Fair(Soul, South Korea) 3-6 September Ars Electronica （Linz, Austria) 3-8 September Japan Media Arts Festival in Linz （Linz, Austria) 3-8 September Japan Media Arts Festival in Vienna （Vienna, Austria) 11-20 September ESPACIO ENTER(Tenerife,Spain) 22-27 September Electrofringe (Newcastle, Australia) 1-5 October Hong Kong Arts Centre （Hong Kong, China) October

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