



IDRIJA LACE FESTIVAL

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THE INTERNATIONAL BOBBIN LACE COMPETITION 2020 **POSTPONED TO 2021**

Competition topic: Idrija narrow tape lace

Idrija narrow tape lace is the one technique of Idrija bobbin lace that is most recognisable and popular among lacemakers all around the globe.

Lace done in this technique is identified by a narrow tape meandering across the surface and filling the entire pattern. The empty spaces in the lace are filled with loops or simple fillings, most often plaits. Idrija narrow tape lace features five pairs of bobbins on the inner part of the pattern, while an additional, sixth pair is added on the outer side with inside pins or outside pins with double twisting. An aesthetically produced Idrija narrow tape lace must have all threads tightly intertwined and every loop adequately twisted.

A lacemaker wishing to make lace in the Idrija narrow tape lace technique must respect its rules. The lace applied for the competition must therefore be made in accordance to the basic laws of Idrija narrow tape lace yet surpass the ordinary purposes of use and reflect a diversity in the perception of this technique.

The originality of lace lies in its transparency. It captures our eye with its contrast between full and empty, while the mere twisting and crossing the threads over and under open limitless creative possibilities.

Idrija narrow tape lace enables various expressive possibilities in pattern designing. In addition, the harmony of the form, a correct choice of materials and a combination with other lacemaking techniques provide new and original solutions.

Allow your imagination to soar, your pencil to draw an original motif in Idrija narrow tape lace technique, your hands to feel the softness of the threads, and your creativity and knowledge to create the lace.

CONDITIONS FOR PARTICIPATION

- The competition can be entered by all interested individuals or groups, apart from the evaluation committee members. The evaluation committee members may participate but not enter the competition.
- Only bobbin lace made especially for this competition and have not been presented elsewhere may enter the competition.
- A minimum of half of the lace must be made in Idrija narrow tape lace technique. You can consult the procedures for making Idrija narrow tape lace as described in *IDRIJSKA čipka. Idrijski ris in sukani ris. Idrija Lace. Idrija narrow tape lace and double stitch. (2016). Idrija: Gimnazija Jurija Vege Idrija, Čipkarska šola Idrija. ISBN 978-961-92660-6-9.*
- The remaining part of the lace may be made in other bobbin lace techniques.
- Each participant or group of participants may enter the competition with one original competition work – there can be one or more authors.
- The competition work can be two- or three-dimensional. The size of the competition work must not exceed 40 cm × 40 cm × 40 cm.
- The competition work may be framed but without glass. If the work consists of several parts, please join a plan of assembly and a photograph of the assembled work indicating a correct positioning in space.
- There is no limitation as to the choice of materials and colours.
- The entry fee for an individual competition work in the **A category** is **EUR 10** and in **B category** **EUR 20**. The paid fee will not be returned in the case of non-participation of the payer in the competition. The entry fee must be paid to:

Account holder: Gimnazija Jurija Vege Idrija, Address: Študentovska 16, SI-5280 Idrija, Slovenia

Bank: Banka Slovenije, Bank address: Slovenska 35, SI-1505 Ljubljana, Slovenia

IBAN: SI56011006030692957, SWIFT: BSLJSI2X, Reference: SI00 0020

Bank charges to be borne by payer.

- **Application form** (Appendix 1) can be filled out in Slovenian or in English language. Please fill out the entire form and send it, together with a **proof of payment of the fee**, via e-mail. They must arrive the below-mentioned address by **15 March 2021** at the latest.
- **The competition work** must arrive to the below-mentioned address by **15 May 2021** at the latest. Included with the competition work must be a sealed **envelope**: inside must be a filled **Appendix 2** (in Slovenian or in English language) with information on the work. Write the title of the competition work on the envelope.
- Competition work arriving after 15 May 2021 will be returned to the sender at their own cost.
- **Addresses:**
Send Appendix 1 (application form) and the proof of payment of the fee via e-mail to:
info@cipkarskasola.si
Send the competition work and the Appendix 2 (information about the work) via regular mail to:
Gimnazija Jurija Vege Idrija
Čipkarska šola Idrija
Prelovčeva 2
SI-5280 Idrija

COMPETITION CATEGORIES:

A – participating authors born in 2002 or later.

B – participating authors born up to and including the year 2001.

EVALUATION CRITERIA

The participating competition works will be evaluated anonymously.

The works will be evaluated by a three-member expert committee comprised of experts in lace and design. In evaluating, the committee will consider the following criteria:

- Following the competition topic
- A minimum of half of the lace made in Idrija narrow tape lace technique, based on the procedures for making it as described in *IDRIJSKA čipka. Idrijski ris in sukani ris. Idrija Lace. Idrija narrow tape lace and double stitch. (2016). Idrija: Gimnazija Jurija Vege Idrija, Čipkarska šola Idrija. ISBN 978-961-92660-6-9*
- Following other rules of the competition
- Idea originality
- End product quality
- A variety in applied lacemaking techniques

The expert committee reserves the right to amend or upgrade the listed evaluation criteria. The decision of the expert committee is final.

OTHER PROVISIONS

- All competition works applied for and arriving to the competition in accordance to competition rules will be exhibited in Idrija during the Idrija Lace Festival in June 2021.
- During the exhibition, all competition works will be insured.
- After the exhibition, all competition works will be returned to sender in 60 days.
- The sender assumes all responsibility and costs of sending their competition works to Idrija.
- All participants receive a certificate of participation.
- In each category, the best three works are awarded a certificate of recognition and practical awards.
- The competition work must be posted in such packaging that enables multiple opening and closing as well as returning the lace to the sender.
- The competition's call for applications is published on <http://www.festivalidrijskecipke.si/>