

The 5th Isfahan International Children and Teenagers' Painting Competition- Poopak

پنجمین مسابقه بین المللی نقاشی کودکان و نوجوانان اصفهان - پوپک

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Competition History:

The Isfahan Children and Adolescents Painting Competition was held nationally in 2019 and 2020, successfully attracting the attention of children and adolescents to the festival's themes. In 2021, for its first international edition, it aimed to assess children's perspectives on the city and strengthen their sense of belonging and urban identity, competing among children domestically and internationally, which was very well-received. In the years 2022, 2023, and 2024, it was held with the themes "City Occupations," "Sights of My City," and "Stories of My City." For its 5th edition, with the title "Home," it awaits the submission of paintings from children and adolescents aged 4 to 18.

Competition Theme:

Home is more than walls and a roof; it is the canvas of life and the mirror of our identity; a place where shared family stories are formed together and ethical and educational values sprout like seeds in the hearts of children. This warm shelter is the source of endless tranquility and a deep sense of belonging; children's laughter in the yard, simple games on the carpet, and the unwavering kindness of parents create lasting memories. Of course, this home can also have a broader meaning and transcend the boundaries of walls; it can become a land where cultural roots flow through its alleys, and the sound of life is heard in its mountains and plains. When a child or adolescent takes up the colored pen to depict home, they are essentially placing feelings of security, pride in roots, and hope for a bright future onto the canvas. The Isfahan International Children and Adolescents Painting Competition, Poopak, with the theme "Home," is an opportunity for children and adolescents to depict this meaningful word through the language of art.

Competition Rules and Regulations:

1. The age requirement for participants is 4 to 18 years.
2. The submitted work must be creative, individual, and without copying from stereotypical or repetitive visual examples.
3. Works must be presented on A3 size paper. Placing the work in a frame or mount is not permitted.
4. Fill out the registration form carefully. The child artist's information must be entered completely, especially the starred sections.
5. The use of any type of artistic technique and tool (paint, pencil, watercolor, etc.) is permitted. (Collage is not permitted).
6. In one short sentence, explain the story or concept of your painting.
7. Submitting one personal photo along with the work is mandatory.
8. Works must be uploaded and submitted via the official competition website at www.iicpf.com.
9. Each participant is only allowed to submit one work.

Submission of Works: From 25 Aban 1404 to 10 Farvardin 1405 (16 November 2025 to 30 March 2026)

Judging Criteria:

Works will be evaluated by a panel of experts in the fields of children, visual arts, and illustration.

- Evaluation of the authenticity and originality of the created work considering the participant's age (no direct intervention by instructors or parents in the creation of the work).
- The degree of alignment and semantic connection of the work with the designated competition theme, "Home."
- Use of imagination and creativity in expressing and narrating the theme by the participant.
- Innovative use of perspective, composition, color selection, and artistic techniques.
- Quality and skill in image execution, mastery of tools, and attention to technical details.
- Cohesion and harmony of color, form, and content elements in the artwork.
- Special points for employing new techniques or combining several techniques.
- Judging will be conducted in 4 separate age groups as follows:
 - 4 to 6 years
 - 7 to 9 years
 - 10 to 13 years
 - 14 to 18 years

Judging and Announcement of Results:

In Farvardin 1405 (March 2026), the jury will review the submitted works and determine the award winners and recipients of honorable mentions. The works of the award winners will be included in the final exhibition and will be available in the electronic gallery on the website www.iicpf.com. Valuable awards will be given to the selected works, and all participants will receive a digital certificate of participation.

Competition Closing Ceremony:

The closing ceremony of the Isfahan International Children and Adolescents Painting Competition - Poopak, with the theme "Home," will be held in Ordibehesht 1405 (April-May 2026).

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