

**COMPETITION “ RUNAWAY SPACES 2009” FOR UP-AND-COMING ARTISTS -  
Deadline 18 June 2009**

The Cultural Association La.Li.Pè together with Francavilla al Mare Town Council, the Provincial Council of Chieti, the Regional Abruzzo government and the Carichieti Foundation announce the VI edition of the cultural exhibition “Runaway Spaces “.

Right from the start, our intent was to stimulate public opinion regarding important current issues through all forms of contemporary art. The artistic research should encourage reflection about topical problems and the capability to imagine a scenario which could lead to a different point of view.

Linked to this art exhibition there is the competition “Runaway Spaces 2009” for works of visual art inspired by a fundamental theme for the European Union: the coexistence in western society of multiple cultural identities.

Migration within the European Union has put the spotlight on the problems of a multicultural society. This type of community, initially considered as creating problems is now seen as a normal and inevitable part of western society. We are talking about “interculturalism” which means the necessity to open up towards different cultures within the same society and to accept their inequality. Bauman emphasizes this need with his aim of finding ways of acceptable cohabitation.

Walking along any street in a large city it is obvious that the inhabitants have changed greatly compared to twenty or thirty years ago. There is a mixture of ethnic groups, cultures and different languages which can create an identity problem enabling dialogue between immigrants and natives. Even art forms and architecture are no longer easily recognizable or unmistakable.

This phenomenon creates antithetical aspects: a wide cultural variety is fascinating but at the same time it is difficult to maintain an acceptable level of integration. There is a unbalanced battle between western and other cultures creating conflict. Our reaction to other cultures is certainly open to criticism but at the same time other cultures reacting with aggressive fundamentalism is not the answer.

Integration needs intercultural dialogue. The only way forward is to be open-minded and appreciate each other. Apart from just absorbing these differences it is essential to find ways to understand and create harmony and as the European Union motto says: United in diversity.

In this competition artists should reflect about the problems and the possibilities of an intercultural society and see art as a universal language which overcomes communicative barriers. The organizers want the artists to examine all the aspects of this phenomenon and produce a form of art which reflects and explores interculturality.

## RULES

### 1. THEME

As part of the exhibition "Runaway Spaces 2009 ", the Cultural Association La.Li.Pé, on behalf of Francavilla al Mare Town Council intends to select several visual works of art (photos, graphic design) inspired by the theme described in the introduction.

### 2. SPECIFICATIONS

All works of art must be in digital format (raster or vector) The ones chosen by the judges will then be printed, the exact sizes have still to be decided, but the maximum will be 5mt (base) and 6mt (height) and will maintain the same format (5:6).

To avoid problems with e-mails, files must not take up more than 5mb. Those artists selected will be contacted by the organizers to send their projects in the original sizes (picture 50cm base x 60cm height at 600/1200 dpi). Pictures must be of excellent quality to be printed on a large scale.

The pictures chosen will be printed at the expense of the Association and they will keep them .They will be exhibited throughout summer 2009 in Francavilla al Mare (CH). La.Li. Pè reserves the right to reproduce all items, create an archive, publicize works on their web site and other websites as a form of marketing. The copyright of all works of art belongs to the author apart from the prize winners (see n. 6) The Organization declines any responsibility on art works being damaged by third parties and the use of material already covered by copyright.

### 3. DEADLINE

Competition entries must be sent by e-mail to the following address: [spazievasi@gmail.com](mailto:spazievasi@gmail.com) with the title "Runaway Spaces Prize 2009" specified as the subject. All entries must be sent by 18 June 2009.

### 4. DOCUMENTS REQUIRED

- The project must be sent in Jpg format
- The entry form can be downloaded from the official website [www.spazievasi.it](http://www.spazievasi.it) and every section must be completed
- Artist's C.V. (max 2 pages) in Word or pdf. If desired it is possible to send up to three images in pdf of previous work

Both the entry form and the C.V. must be typewritten, handwritten documents will not be accepted.

## 5. SELECTION PROCEDURE

All entries will be examined by a board of judges who are experts in artistic-cultural fields . The main guidelines to follow are: artistic quality, research, originality, innovation, technique and appearance, relevance to the competition theme and communicative ability. The judges decision is final.

The Judges maintain the possibility to intervene and if necessary agree slight modifications if small details are not sufficiently clear.

## 6. PRIZES

The winning entry will receive a prize of €1.000,00 and the second prize winner will receive € 500,00. The winning entries will be exhibited in “Palazzo Sirena”, an exhibition hall in the centre of Francavilla Al Mare. Through the prizes awarded, the Association will acquire the copyright. The judges decision is final. The prize money will be paid following payment by our sponsors.

## 7. PUBBLICATION

Entering the competition implies the acceptance of these rules. The signature on the entry form is the acquittance for all forms of publication to promote this exhibition.

The entries will be published in the catalogue “Runaway Spaces 2009” and on the website [www.spazievasi.it](http://www.spazievasi.it)

Signing the entry form, the artists automatically enable the Organizers to use their personal data in reference to the law n. 196/2003 and means strictly linked to the competition .

## 8. FURTHER INFORMATION

Further information may be obtained by contacting the organizers at [spazievasi@gmail.com](mailto:spazievasi@gmail.com) indicating “Information” as the subject.