



Premio Morlotti Imbersago

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“ALTERNATIVE LANDSCAPE. YOUNG PAINTING AND THE CONTEMPORARY ENVIRONMENT”. THE 17TH EDITION OF 2021 OF THE “MORLOTTI-IMBERSAGO” AWARD, RESERVED FOR UNDER 35 YOUNG ARTISTS, BEGINS

In order to stimulate the participation of young artists under 35 as much as possible and to highlight that **culture does not stop despite the situation**, the Municipality of Imbersago promotes the **17th edition of the biennial “Morlotti-Imbersago” painting award in 2021, on the theme:**

ALTERNATIVE LANDSCAPE

*The young painting
and the contemporary environment*

The specificity of the 17th edition of the “Morlotti-Imbersago” Prize

In order to highlight its diversity from other generalist reward initiatives aimed at young contemporary art, the **“Morlotti-Imbersago” Prize**, directed towards young and very young painters under 35, with this edition is committed to further focus its identity on an **“Ancient and yet contemporary subject”**, such as that of the landscape and the natural and human environment. It is a theme picked before the beginning of the global health emergency and in some way the meaning of this topic has expanded, ever since the pandemic breakout, taking on a more comprehensive and more general connotation.

The landscape also becomes the space of men and women, the relationship between consciousness and the physical dimension of the environments: the “theater” of life in the time of contagion. This gave birth to the **invitation to young artists up to 35 years of age to participate, with particular reference to those who feel a line of ethical and poetic responsibility in today's painting**, in continuity with the past. Young people who are not interested in art for art, that is, in self-referential artistic practices, with no real relationship with reality and life and defined by slang, elitist, often deliberately cryptic languages and modes of expression. The intent of the “Morlotti” Prize is instead to **encourage young painters whose expressive research tends to art for life, that is to a dynamic and vital relationship with existence and with nature through current and innovative forms of language figurative**. All in the wake of the memory of the great master **Ennio Morlotti** (1910-1992), honorary citizen of Imbersago, who for many years worked and lived in this small town in Brianza, giving his painting a suggestive evocative expressiveness and broadly characterized by formal research.

The **“Morlotti” Prize** is promoted by the Municipality of Imbersago with the patronage of the Lombardy Region, the Province of Lecco, Parco Adda Nord, the Adda di Leonardo Ecomuseum, the Fondazione Corrente of Milan, the Società delle Belle Arti e Esposizione Permanente of Milan, with the contribution of Leo Galleries.

The jury is made up of the curators of the **Giorgio Seveso** Award (art critic), **Chiara Gatti** (art critic) and **Simona Bartolena** (art critic) and **Stefano Pizzi** (painter, professor at the Brera Academy in Milan), **Renato Galbusera** (painter, Milan), **Giulio Crisanti** (painter, Pro Loco of Imbersago), **Mario Sottocorno** (collector), **Daniela Porta** (gallery owner at Leo Galleries of Monza), **Francesca Rota** (president of Parco Adda Nord), **Marco Galli** (president of the Ecomuseum Adda di Leonardo), **Fabio Vergani** (mayor of Imbersago).

PRIZES:

- 1° Morlotti-Imbersago Prize: 1.000 €** purchase prize, as well as the setting up of a two-week solo exhibition by 2023 at the “Leo Galleries” gallery in Monza.
- 2, “Giulio Reali” Prize report by the Jury: € 500** purchase prize.
- 3° Prize at the recommendation of the Jury: € 500** purchase prize.
- 4° Prize at the recommendation of the Jury: € 500** . purchase prize.
- 5° School prize: € 300** purchase prize from the Pro Loco of Imbersago awarded with a vote expressed by the pupils of the “Antonio Stoppani” primary school at the end of the exhibition..

The participation is free.

The deadline for the presentation of the works by the participants is September 15th 2021. Inauguration and award ceremony: Saturday November 20th 2021, 5 pm, Imbersago Town Hall. The exhibition of the works will be open from November 21st to December 5th 2021.

The complete regulation and the registration form are available on the websites:

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