

PRESS RELEASE

MUSEUM OF CYCLADIC ART

Museum of Cycladic Art 11th International Kids' Art Contest Theme:

"Today's stories on ancient vases"

15 to 22 April 2024

The children's works will be presented in an exhibition during the 2nd Cycladic Kids' Festival to be held in September.

If ancient people provided significant images of their lives painted on clay vases, what would you choose to leave as footprint to future generations?

The **11th International Kids' Art Contest** by the Museum of Cycladic Art has the title **"Today's stories on ancient vases"** and invites our little friends aged 4-15 to draw images of their everyday lives that they would like to leave as a personal footprint to future generations.

This year's contest starts on **February 15** and ends on **April 22**, **2024** while the children's artwork will be presented in September 2024 as part of the major exhibition during the **2nd Cycladic Kids Festival**.

The International Kids' Art Contest is one of the most successful initiatives of the Museum of Cycladic Art where thousands of children from Greece and abroad participate every year, special schools and refugee reception and integration centers. This year, through the Art Contest, we explore the permanent exhibition **"Scenes from Daily Life in Antiquity**" located on

the 4th floor of the Museum of Cycladic Art. As we explore various themes and objects exhibited, we learn about the private and public life of ancient people in Classical and Hellenistic Greece.

One of today's richest sources of information about antiquity is the painted clay vases. Since prehistoric times, people depict on these vases images of their everyday lives and scenes from mythology. Today, we find similar images mainly through internet and social media.

In this year's Kids' Art Contest, we invite children to recreate a scene from their everyday life, using painting, collage, photography or mixed media and include their creation into the vase outline.

What would you like people to know about your life?

What do you choose to share with others?

Which images are the most typical of your life and era?

The Contest's results will be announced in June, just before the school year ends.

Members of this year's jury:

Nikos Aliagas – Journalist / Photographer

Panos Giannikopoulos – Curator of Contemporary Art

Nadia Kontogeorgi – Actress

Theodoros Papakostas – Archaeologist

Erato Hatzisavva – Rector of the Athens School of Fine Arts

Heidi Holder – Chair of Education at The Metropolitan Museum of Art

Participate in the Contest by following the steps below and send us your artwork **by April 22**, **2024**:

[1] Download the template and print it on A4 paper size.

[2] Choose the materials, colors, and technique you love and create a Daily Life scene within the vase outline. (You may use collage, photography, or mixed media)

[3] Scan your work in color and high resolution.

[4] Ask an adult to fill in your details in the entry form and upload your work to <u>https://kidscontest.cycladic.gr/en/</u> File size should not exceed 5 MB.

[5] To participate at the exhibition organized in September within the framework of the 2nd Cycladic Kids' Festival, it is **further** required to send your original artwork by post to the Museum of Cycladic Art until May 31, 2024:
Museum of Cycladic Art, 4 Neophytou Douka Street, 10676 Athens
To the Attention of the Kids' Art Contest

The online submission process should be done for each project separately. Each child or adult must fill in the entry form, attach their project electronically and receive a unique code. Works sent by post without having received a code will not take part in the process.

[6] You can only submit a single drawing.

Good luck!

The **11th International Kids' Art Contest** and the digital platform kidscontest.cycladic.gr/en are implemented with the support of **Eurolife FFH**, Strategic Partner of the Museum of Cycladic Art and **RAYCAP**, Supporter of the Educational Programs of the Museum of Cycladic Art. The International Kids' Art Contest is held under the auspices of the Ministry of Foreign Affairs.

For questions and additional information about the International Kids' Art Contest please visit: <u>https://kidscontest.cycladic.gr/en/</u>



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