

CIMA AWARDS 2028

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PRELIMINARY APPLICATION FORM

CIMA (Centre of International Modern Art) was founded in 1993 with the vision of creating a space for international modern art in the context of India's evolving, multicultural democracy. Over the past three decades, CIMA has grown into an important platform for dialogue and exchange across different forms of creative expression. Today, CIMA is deeply committed to the visual arts through carefully curated exhibitions, high-quality publications, and a dedicated space for critical and scholarly engagement. It continues to remain contemporary, relevant, and influential in the visual arts landscape.

DISCOVERING TALENTS

Over the last 33 years, CIMA has actively supported and promoted the arts through a thoughtful and informed approach. Its work has expanded across multiple art forms and encouraged meaningful cross-disciplinary interactions. CIMA has now introduced a **triennial award** to identify, recognise, and support visual artists from across the country. This initiative aims to broaden the scope of visual arts in India and mark a significant new milestone.

THE CIMA AWARD

The CIMA Award is a **triennial event** that recognises **excellence** in the visual arts and discovers **genuine talent** across India, particularly beyond metropolitan centres. The awards are decided by a jury through a **critical and knowledge-based evaluation** of both the artist and the work. The award is **open to all artists—formally trained or self-taught**—and seeks to break conventional barriers by encouraging **originality** and **unique artistic vision**. The initiative aims to bridge the gap between urban and rural India and celebrate the diversity of Indian creativity. CIMA Award covers **paintings, sculptures, graphics and emerging new media such as video art, installations, graphic novels, digital art**.

The jury will include members from traditional art backgrounds as well as other creative disciplines. **Arpita Singh, Paramjit Singh, Jogen Chowdhury, G. Ravinder Reddy, Prabhakar Kolte, N.N. Rimzon, Dayanita Singh** and many others have served earlier on the Jury of CIMA Awards.

WHO CAN PARTICIPATE

- Open to **residents of India** only.
- Open to both **trained** and **self-taught** artists.
- Artists must have been **actively practicing art for at least three years**.
- Age limit: **23 to 49 years as of 1 January, 2028**. In exceptional cases, a one-year age relaxation may be considered.

HOW TO APPLY

Applicants may:

- Download the form from www.cimaartindia.com or www.cimaawards.in, or
- Collect the form from the CIMA Gallery office at the address given below.

Note: Winners in any category of the CIMA Awards Show 2025 are not eligible to apply for the 2028 edition only.

Submit applications by email to cimaaward@gmail.com

Or send it to: CIMA AWARDS, CIMA Gallery Pvt. Ltd. Sunny Towers (2nd Floor), 43, Ashutosh Chowdhury Avenue, Kolkata – 700019.

SUBMISSION REQUIREMENTS

Each application should be submitted **through email as attachments** or **sent through post or courier with CD/DVD/Pendrive** and must include:

- A completed application form
- Supporting materials: • Updated bio-data (.doc/.docx/.pdf format only) • Age proof • H academic qualification

IMPORTANT GUIDELINES

- One person can **apply only under ONE category – multiple applications will lead to disqualification**.
- For Categories **Painting / Sculpture / Graphics / New Media (Digital Art) / New Media (Installation Art)**, submit **ONLY SIX** low-resolution images (150–200 dpi) of available works created in the **last two years**.
- For **Video Art**, submit **ONLY SIX** videos created in the **last two years**.
- **Images of SOLD or UNAVAILABLE works will lead to disqualification**.
- Artist's name must **NOT APPEAR ON IMAGES/VIDEOS**.
- Only **TITLE, MEDIUM, SIZE**, and **YEAR** should be mentioned below each image.
Only **TITLE, MEDIUM, DURATION** and **YEAR** should be mentioned in each video.
- Edition details should be mentioned only for **Graphics, Digital Prints, and Sculptures**.
- **SUBMITTED WORKS SHOULD NOT HAVE BEEN PREVIOUSLY EXHIBITED IN ANY PRIVATE OR PUBLIC SPACE, PUBLISHED OR SHARED ONLINE BEFORE BEING SHOWN IN CIMA AWARDS SHOW.**

PROPOSED WORK

From the six submitted works, mark ONE as Proposed Work, which should have:

- been created within the last year (15 Feb 2025 – 15 Feb 2026)
- Include a concept note on proposed work

NOTE: Jury may select any ONE of the six submitted images, which may not be the proposed work.

LAST DATE OF SUBMISSION: 21 February, 2027

ONLY COMPLETE AND CORRECTLY SUBMITTED APPLICATIONS WILL BE CONSIDERED

SELECTION PROCESS

Preliminary selection will be completed by the first week of May 2027. Shortlisted candidates will be informed via phone/whatsapp/e-mail/post. Shortlisted candidates will need to sign an exclusive agreement with CIMA on all modalities, terms and conditions applicable for participation in the CIMA Award Show.

The agreement form will be mailed to every shortlisted candidate upon selection.

In the final round, there will be a zoom interview session for few selected candidates with the jury – which will be confirmed through phone.

ARTWORK SIZE REQUIREMENTS

All works must be suitable for gallery display and should not exceed the sizes given below:

- 2D works: **7 x 10 ft** (height x width)
- 3D works: • Sculptures: **5 x 3 x 2 ft or 5 x 2 x 3 ft** (height x width x depth)
• Installations: **7 x 6 x 3 ft** (height x width x depth)

FINAL SUBMISSION MUST MATCH WORK FINALISED BY JURY.

THE ENTRIES MUST MEET THE FOLLOWING REQUIREMENTS:

- * Each entry must be **an authentic, original work** by the participating artist.
- * Selections will be based on **creative imagination** and **excellence in rendition**.

WHO WILL JUDGE

The jury will have a multi-disciplinary composition from across India.

It will be a two-tier jury; the preliminary jury will shortlist artists for CIMA Awards Show while the final jury will select the awardees.

Qualities such as **creative excellence, originality, creative use of materials** and **presentation** are among some of the criteria to be considered.

All works submitted **within the criteria for selection** will be judged.

THE AWARDS**

- CIMA Award: ₹8 lakhs, trophy, and a solo exhibition within two years
- 1st Runner-Up Award: ₹5 lakhs and trophy
- Paresh Maity 2nd Runner-Up Award: ₹3 lakhs and trophy
- Sanat Kar Graphic Award: ₹1 lakh and trophy
- Four Merit Awards: ₹35,000 each
- Director's Choice Awards: ₹25,000 each (optional)

*** subject to alteration*

CATALOGUE

A comprehensive catalogue featuring all selected works will be published for the CIMA Award Show.

CONTACT US

For any other information or queries, please contact us at:

CIMA Gallery Pvt. Ltd.

Sunny Towers (2nd Floor)

43 Ashutosh Chowdhury Avenue (Adjacent to Birla Mandir) Kolkata 700019

Phone: **+91 33 2485 8717/8509**

Email: **cimaaward@gmail.com**

CIMA is not responsible for returning any submitted CD/DVDs/Pendrives or documents and reserves all rights of selection.

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PRELIMINARY APPLICATION FORM
OPEN TO RESIDENTS OF INDIA ONLY
(PLEASE FILL IN CAPITAL LETTERS)

FIX A
PASSPORT
SIZE
PHOTOGRAPH

MR./MRS./MS.:

FIRST NAME:

MIDDLE NAME:

LAST NAME:

DATE OF BIRTH: DD MM YYYY GENDER:

ADDRESS:

STATE / UNION TERRITORY:

PIN CODE:

MOBILE: +91

LANDLINE: (STD CODE) PHONE NUMBER

EMAIL:

EDUCATIONAL QUALIFICATION (TICK CORRECT ONE): TRAINED ☐ SELF TAUGHT ☐

CATEGORY (ONLY ONE): Painting ☐ Sculpture ☐ Graphic ☐ New Media ☐

New Media (Sub-Category): Digital Print ☐ Installation Art ☐ Video Art ☐

FOLLOWING ENCLOSURES TO BE PROVIDED ON CD OR DVD OR PENDRIVES OR AS ATTACHMENTS TO BE SENT ALONG WITH THE COMPLETED APPLICATION FORM:

1. AN UPDATED BIODATA (.doc/.docx/.pdf format only): MUST INCLUDE DATE OF BIRTH, CONTACT DETAILS, EDUCATIONAL DETAILS, AWARDS, ACHIEVEMENTS, GRANTS, RESIDENCIES, SCHOLARSHIPS, EXHIBITIONS (SOLO SHOWS and GROUP SHOWS/PARTICIPATIONS – All to be mentioned SERIALLY AND CHRONOLOGICALLY.
2. LOW-RES (150-200dpi; in .jpg format only) IMAGES OF SIX ARTWORKS DONE IN THE LAST TWO YEARS BY THE APPLICANT SHOULD BE SENT ALONG WITH FOLLOWING DETAILS: • TITLE of the artwork • MEDIUM • EDITION (if any) • SIZE (in inches) (for 2D: height x width) (for 3D: height x width x depth) • YEAR
IF APPLYING UNDER NEW MEDIA (VIDEO ART) THEN SIX VIDEOS SHOULD BE SENT ALONG WITH FOLLOWING DETAILS: • TITLE of the artwork • MEDIUM • DURATION • YEAR.
NAME OF THE ARTIST SHOULD NOT BE MENTIONED ON ANY IMAGE SUBMITTED WITH DETAILS.
3. A CONCEPT NOTE ON THE PROPOSED WORK chosen from one of the six work images attached (.doc/.docx format only).
4. Self attested copies of AGE PROOF and Highest Academic Qualification must also be enclosed or sent as attachments.

THE ABOVE DETAILS AND THOSE MENTIONED IN ENCLOSURES ARE AUTHENTIC AND INDICATED CORRECTLY TO MY KNOWLEDGE.

DATE (DD/MM/YYYY)

SIGNATURE OF APPLICANT

PLACE

- One person can apply only under ONE category – multiple applications will lead to disqualification.
- Application may be couriered or hand delivered to CIMA AWARD, CIMA Gallery, Sunny Towers (2nd Floor), 43, Ashutosh Chowdhury Avenue, Kolkata – 700019 or emailed to cimaaward@gmail.com
- Incomplete forms will not be considered.
- Application must reach by 21 FEBRUARY, 2027 latest; after which it shall NOT be accepted.

For Office Use only: Date of Receipt (dd/mm/yyyy): / / Time: Mode: Signature

Serial No. Registrar



Above row: Mr. Dhruba Mukherjee, ABP Pvt. Ltd., with Merit Award winners:
1.Kamalendu Paul. 2. Rimi Adak 3.Sanjay Kumar Yadav 4. Abhijit Debnath





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