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present



## *"CRYSTAL NEEDLE AWARD"*

Celebrating the Excellence in Tattoo Artistry  
05 Giugno 2025



**CRYSTAL  
NEEDLE  
AWARD**



**INTERNATIONAL TATTOO FEDERATION**



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The “**Crystal Needle Award**” is an annual award established by the ITF, sponsored, organized, and closely tied to the event “**ICONS & PRODIGIES**” A prestigious recognition awarded to the best “**Prodigies**” in each stylistic category.

**BEST OF THE BEST**



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The award ceremony will take place in a prestigious and characteristic location in the heart of **Venice**:

The palace **CA' VENDRAMIN CALERGI**, home to one of the city's most iconic attractions.



**INCREDIBLE LOCATION**



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## **CRYSTAL NEEDLE AWARD**

- ▶ **250** SELECTED PRODIGIES
- ▶ **10** CATEGORIES
- ▶ **5** NOMINATIONS PER CATEGORY

The 250 Prodigies invited to ICONS & PRODIGIES, divided into 10 stylistic categories, are potential winners of the prestigious award.

**1 WINNER PER CATEGORY**



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## **CRYSTAL NEEDLE AWARD**

The selection of tattoo artists invited to ICONS & PRODIGIES is curated by the **ITF**, while the judges who will elect the winners in each stylistic category will be the **ICONS** in the first phase, joined by a committee of experts, including editors, critics, and prominent artists, in the final phase.

## **EXCELLENCE JURY**

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**PHASE 1** - SELECTION OF PRODIGIES: ITF Executive Committee

**PHASE 2** - NOMINATION Jury: ICONS

**PHASE 3** - FINAL Jury: ICONS + SECTOR EXPERTS



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The result of the voting that will determine the winner of each category will remain secret and will only be revealed at the award ceremony.

## **PROCEDURE**

1. Selection and invitation to the event ICONS & PRODIGIES
2. Closing of the line-up for each style
3. Communication to ICONS of the list of participants divided by category
4. Voting to elect the 5 tattoo artists nominated for each category
5. Communication to the final jury of the nominated tattoo artists
6. Voting to elect the winner of each category



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The voting process will be carried out digitally through the **ICONS & PRODIGIES APP** and can be reviewed upon request at the end of the event.

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The selection of **PRODIGIES** is conducted by the **ITF**, identifying artists from conventions, industry magazines, and various social networks who have distinguished themselves in their style during the year for participation in events, awards, recognitions, commitment, and activity in the sector, and, of course, for the quality of their work. These artists are then invited to participate in **ICONS & PRODIGIES**.

## **ITF SEARCH FOR PRODIGIES**

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CONVENTION    MAGAZINES    SOCIAL MEDIA

INVITATION TO ICONS & PRODIGIES

1. SELECTION



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Once the **LINE-UP** of invited PRODIGIES closes, **PHASE 1** of voting begins. The list of artists, divided by category, will be communicated to the **ICONS**, who will individually indicate their 3 preferred **PRODIGIES** for each style.

An ITF commission will count the votes and communicate the results to the final jury.

## **ICONS**

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Each ICON selects **3 PREFERENCES** for each category.

### **2. NOMINATION**



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The judges will receive the list of **PRODIGIES** nominated for the final. Each judge will secretly express their preference by indicating, **THROUGH A DIGITAL AND TRACEABLE VOTING SYSTEM**, a single name for each category. The names of the winners will be revealed and announced during the **CRYSTAL NEEDLE AWARD** ceremony.

### **5 NOMINATIONS PER CATEGORY**

Each member of the final jury indicates **1 SINGLE PREFERENCE** for each category.

### **3. THE WINNER IS...**



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## **THE CEREMONY**

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**"CRYSTAL NEEDLE AWARD"**

### **RED CARPET**

Presentation of the Categories

Presentation of the Nominations

Announcement of the Winners

Award Ceremony

**DINNER - OPEN BAR - CELEBRITY PARTY**



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**200 SEATS BY OFFICIAL INVITATION**

## Invitation



**50** ICONS + 1 ACCOMPANYING GUEST EACH

**50** NOMINEES + 1 ACCOMPANYING GUEST EACH

**+160** ADDITIONAL ENTRIES TICKETS

AFTER THE CEREMONY FOR:

**Buffet Dinner - Open Bar - Celebrity Party**



ticket booking



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05 JUNE 2025  
PALAZZO CA' VENDRAMIN, VENICE

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