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THE ULTIMATE TATTOO CONVENTION EXPERIENCE
AND



2. "LEGEND OF THE INDUSTRY AWARD"

3. "MODERN TATTOO HALL OF FAME"

4. "THE UNDISPUTED ACE AWARD"



THE UNDISPUTED ACE

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- ► SELECTION OF 300 TATTOO ARTISTS
- ► 50 ICONS
- ► 250 PRODIGIES
- ► 10 STYLISTIC CATEGORIES
- ► "CRYSTAL NEEDLE AWARD"
- ► "LEGEND OF THE INDUSTRY AWARD"
- ► "MODERN TATTOO HALL OF FAME"
- ► "THE UNDISPUTED ACE"
- ► TATTOO CONTEST

- ► DRINK AND DRAW AT SUNSET
- ► FREE **OIL PAINTING** SEMINAR AND WORKSHOP
- ► FREE **CHARCOAL PORTRAIT** SEMINAR AND WORKSHOP
- ► FREE **ANATOMICAL DRAWING** SEMINAR AND WORKSHOP
- ► FREE **DIGITAL PAINTING** CLASS
- ► FREE "AI" APPLIED TO TATTOO CLASS
- **►** DISCUSSION PANELS
- ► INTENZE **INK SET** CHALLENGE
- ► CHAT N' TEST WITH TOP BRANDS



► ICONS & PRODIGIES is an extraordinary event with the basic characteristics of a TATTOO CONVENTION, yet built on a new format devoted to artistic sharing and the healthy competition it inspires. ICONS & PRODIGIES is conceived as a true international GALA that highlights the best representatives of the industry in every artistic and stylistic expression.

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300 tattoo artists have been invited, including 50 ICONS, historic and iconic figures in the tattoo world, and 250 PRODIGIES, incredible artists of the new era.

THE ICONS AND PRODIGIES of modern tattooing, the true and undisputed protagonists of the most important global scenes and events, come together in a unique, exciting, and highly inspiring artistic event.



► **50 ICONS:** Who are they?

They are part of a carefully curated selection of 50 tattoo artists who have become true international icons in this industry. Genuine pioneers of innovative artistic styles who have defined an era, becoming sources of inspiration and reference points for new generations of tattoo artists.

► 250 PRODIGIES: Who are they?

They are the best PRODIGIES of this wonderful art, continuing the journey begun by the ICONS who preceded them, achieving UNIMAGINABLE artistic results.

In some cases, following the stylistic paths traced by others; in others, bringing innovation and creativity. In both cases, the PRODIGIES demonstrate incredible talent and brilliance, making tattooing a limitless art.

These artists have been carefully selected to occupy the limited slots reserved for the leading representatives of their respective 10 artistic styles, which, divided into dedicated areas, will create authentic themed zones.

Each of them is a potential winner of the CRYSTAL

NEEDLE AWARD 2025



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STYLISTIC CATEGORIES FOR PRODIGIES

EACH CATEGORY HAS A PREDETERMINED LIMITED

NUMBER OF TATTOO ARTISTS.

- ► 38 COLOR REALISM
- ► 42 B/W REALISM
- ► 15 PORTRAIT
- ► 31 AVANT-GARDE / UNCONVENTIONAL

- ► 20 TRADITIONAL (every culture)
- ► 20 NEO TRADITIONAL
- ► 14 BLACK ANY KIND
- ► 19 CHICANO
- ► 29 NEW SCHOOL / CARTOON
- ► 12 GEOMETRIC / ORNAMENTAL



The conventional contests will also take place, rewarding the best tattoos created during the three-day event. A jury of experts will evaluate the works based on predetermined criteria, considering the technical and artistic parameters of the type and style of each tattoo, achieving an objective score regardless of stylistic diversity or size.

- ► BEST OF FRIDAY Best tattoo created on Friday
- ► BEST OF SATURDAY Best tattoo created on Saturday
- ► **BEST OF SHOW** Best tattoo created during the event





...SOMETHING TRULY EXTRAORDINARY...

► For the first time at a convention, the stage will primarily serve as a venue for inspiration, education, and artistic exchange.

The beating heart of this event will feature internationally renowned masters of art who will offer free seminars and live frontal lessons, followed by their related workshops, also free, held in dedicated areas equipped with easels and live models.

A truly unique opportunity to create moments of artistic sharing and growth of incredible value.



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- ► FREE SEMINAR WITH LIVE OIL PAINTING DEMONSTRATION
- ► FREE SEMINAR WITH LIVE ANATOMICAL DRAWING DEMONSTRATION
- ► FREE SEMINAR WITH LIVE CHARCOAL PORTRAIT DEMONSTRATION
- ► FREE PUBLIC LESSON ON DIGITAL ART
- ► PUBLIC LESSON ON "AI" APPLIED TO TATTOOING

- **▶** DISCUSSION PANELS
- ► COLLABORATIVE DRAWING
- ► TATTOO CONTEST
- ► THE UNDISPUTED ACE AWARD
- ► CRYSTAL NEEDLE AWARD WINNERS
- ► LEGEND OF THE INDUSTRY AWARD
- ► MODERN TATTOO HALL OF FAME





SPECIAL AWARDS

ICONS & PRODIGIES hosts and brings to life the first edition of other extraordinary CEREMONIAL EVENTS:

- ► 1. CRYSTAL NEEDLE AWARD
- ► 2. LEGEND OF THE INDUSTRY AWARD
- **▶** 3. MODERN TATTOO HALL OF FAME GALLERY
- ► 4. THE UNDISPUTED ACE AWARD





1. "CRYSTAL NEEDLE AWARD"

The "CRYSTAL NEEDLE AWARD" is a prestigious annual prize awarded to the most appreciated PRODIGY at ICONS & PRODIGIES, as voted by the ICONS, achieving first place in their category.

2. "LEGEND OF THE INDUSTRY AWARD"

is a career recognition reserved for some of the **ICONS** who receives the highest number of votes from the **PRODIGIES** present each year, for having been, or continuing to be, a source of inspiration, as well as for their impact, contribution, innovation, and artistic legacy in the tattoo world.





3. "MODERN TATTOO HALL OF FAME"

is **the historical gallery of the tattoo world from the 1990s to today**, honoring the most representative and emblematic figures of the industry. It serves as a well-deserved recognition and tribute to preserve the names and faces of those who have shaped the evolution of modern tattooing for future generations.

4. "UNDISPUTED ACE AWARD"

"UNDISPUTED ACE BELT" is an award dedicated to the tattoo artist at "ICONS & PRODIGIES" who gains the most audience appreciation and consensus during the three-day event.





1. "CRYSTAL NEEDLE AWARD"

It is an award that will be presented annually to the **PRODIGY** at **ICONS & PRODIGIES** who receives the highest votes and appreciation from the ICONS, ranking first in their category.







"CRYSTAL NEEDLE AWARD" HEADS UP !!!

INCREDIBLE LOCATION

The ceremony to elect the winner and present the "CRYSTAL NEEDLE AWARD", often referred to as the "Oscar" of tattoo industry, will take place on Thursday, June 5, 2025, at a separate venue:

CA' VENDRAMIN CALERGI,

one of the most iconic attractions in the heart of Venice.

Check the dedicated presentation for all the important details.





2. "LEGEND OF THE INDUSTRY AWARD"

It is a lifetime achievement recognition reserved for the **ICON** among those present who receives the most votes from the **PRODIGIES** each year, honoring them for having been, or still being, a source of inspiration for their impact, contribution, innovation, and artistic influence on the world of tattooing.







3. "THE MODERN TATTOO HALL OF FAME"

It is the historical gallery of the tattoo world from the 1990s to today, honoring the most representative and emblematic figures in the industry. A deserved recognition and a gesture of gratitude, meant to leave a lasting mark for future generations, preserving the names and faces of those who have been, and will continue to be, protagonists of the evolution of modern tattooing







4. "THE UNDISPUTED ACE AWARD"

The "UNDISPUTED ACE" is an award dedicated to the TATTOO ARTIST most appreciate by all the audience of the ICONS & PRODIGIES during the 3 days of the event.





Icons & Prodigies is not just an event but a unique experience that celebrates the talent, passion, and evolution of tattoo art.

An exlusive gathering of the greatest artists in a setting that combines creativity, innovation and inspiration.

Here, icons are born, and legends are celebrated.



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