

3rd INTERNATIONAL ART AND LITERARY COMPETITION

of School Center Slovenske Konjice-Zreče

"We will catch fire again, as it is forever kindling at the bottom of our hearts." (Mrfy) https://youtu.be/yZZtyN_EfK8?si=cCcRAXf28TfWHJsV

Flames of Love

In the encouraging lines of the Slovene popular song Prjatučki (the Buddies) love is expressed as a fundamental life force that elevates spirits and creates networks of connection among us.

It is an unquenchable and invincible flame, as it is forever kindling within our hearts. It manifests itself in many forms and is omnipresent. The song ignites hope and attributes magical powers to love, which guides us in the dark and shows us the path to humanity.

This year, we call for an artistic reflection on the power of love in all its dimensions and forms, and invite them to participate in the following art and literary categories:

- a) Literary competition in Slovenian
- b) Literary competition in English
- c) Photography competition
- d) Visual arts competition

Rules and conditions

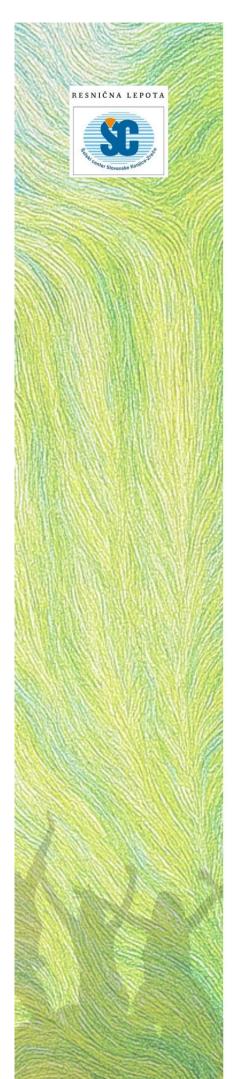
Original works created by young people between the ages of 13 and 18 during this school year that have not yet been published should be submitted by **Tuesday, March 24, 2026.**

The best entries will be announced at a ceremony at the Slovenske Konjice High School, and online, **on Thursday, April 23, 2026.**

For additional information:

English entries: Mateja Smolar Tič, prof. mateja.smolar-tic@guest.arnes.si, 031 504 439,





Requirements for individual categories:

a) LITERARY CONTEST IN ENGLISH

The length of the contribution is limited:

- prose (maximum 800 words)
- poetry (1 poem)

Entries should be proofread, written in Word using Times New Roman font, size 12, with 1.5 line spacing (double-spaced), and saved in PDF format.

Application: https://forms.office.com/e/MiRnnyD3jK?origin=lprLink
Submitted work: https://scskz-my.sharepoint.com/:f:/g/personal/scskz_sc-konjice-zrece_si/Ek-Mp8TFj6dBpCMMv27pqk4B8Ln8caRK-QOvyKo14Zok9Q

b) PHOTOGRAPHY CONTEST

Photographs should have at least 3000 pixels on the longer side. Save them in JPG format (1 photo per person).

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Submitted work: https://scskz-my.sharepoint.com/:f:/g/personal/scskz_sc-konjice-zrece_si/Eh1z_gX0RuJMuTO_qgHcb-EBHtYJiKaeDSRX4ikw6q3gHw

c) ART COMPETITION

Artwork should be created using various painting techniques and in A3 format (297 x 420 mm) on paper (drawing paper), either horizontally or vertically.

In addition to submitting your artwork electronically, please also send it by post to the following address:

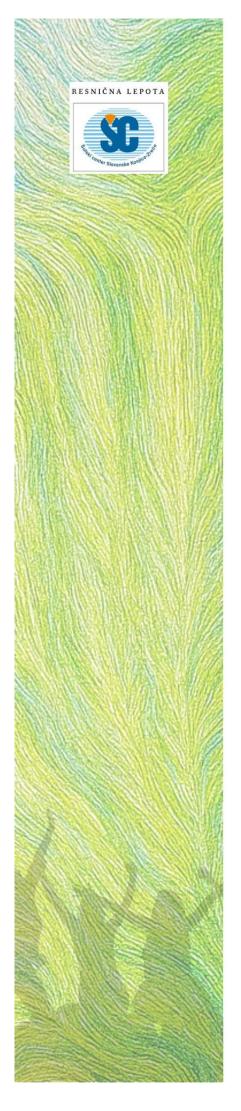
Gimnazija Slovenske Konjice Tattenbachova ulica 2a, 3210 Slovenske Konjice with the note: ART COMPETITION

The original works should be sent by post in a folder that will protect them. The back of the artwork should include information about the author, title of the work, mentor, and school. Artwork submitted electronically should be saved in JPG format

Award-winning artwork will be kept in permanent storage as part of the archive.

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Submitted work: https://scskz-my.sharepoint.com/:f:/g/personal/scskz_sc-konjice-zrece_si/EqgkCIMS8QBAp7dMnP9IXZ8Bh3adELiNx8SI1d6XQvUFRA

The awarded entries will be compiled in a publication entitled Flames of Love. All participants and mentors will receive certificates of participation. The organizer reserves the right not to award prizes and may reject individual entries without explanation if the committee deems them not to meet the basic criteria.



Submitted works will be evaluated by:

LITERARY COMPETITION IN ENGLISH

- Gerard Britovšek, English language assistant
- Janja Ribič, MA, professor of Slovenian and English Head of the committee: Nataša Uskoković, professor of English language and literature

PHOTOGRAPHY COMPETITION

- Izidor Kotnik, photographer
- Jan Godec, Eng. Media Production Head of the committee: Vasja Ivančič, MA, Prof. Inf.

ART COMPETITION

- Milan Lamovec Didi, Prof. Art Ped., Painter
- Domen Hitrec, MA, Painter

Head of the committee: Nataša Pibernik, MA, prof. art. ped.