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## PRELIMINARY APPLICATION FORM

CIMA, Centre of International Modern Art was started in 1993 with a wish to serve as a centre for international modern art, in the context of India's unfolding narrative, as a multi-cultural democracy. Through over two decades, it has blossomed into a forum for discourse encompassing different aspects of creative expression. CIMA today, is committed to visual arts through curated exhibitions, well-produced catalogues and a dedicated space for scholarly critiques. CIMA remains contemporary, relevant and a powerful platform for visual interface.

### DISCOVERING TALENTS

The last 29 years has seen CIMA involved in the promotion of the arts with a learned and informed approach. In these years, CIMA has widened the scope of its responsibility to different genres of art, and cross-disciplinary interactions.

Now CIMA has launched a triennial event in search of country-wide talents in the visual arts to recognise and reward artists for their aptitude and creativity. It is a unique initiative to reflect and widen the scope of the visual arts, thus creating a new milestone.

### THE CIMA AWARD

The CIMA Award will be a triennial event **to recognize excellence** in the visual arts and **discover genuine talent** in India, especially beyond the cities.

The awards will be decided based on the selection by a jury which will highlight a critical and knowledge-based appreciation of art and artist. This event is open to all artists, trained as well as self-taught, across the country and will go **beyond all conventional barriers** and seek to **recognize and encourage excellence**, particularly in its **uniqueness of vision**. It seeks to bridge the gap between urban and rural India and thus promote the **richness of Indian creativity** as a whole. CIMA Award will cover paintings, sculptures, graphics and emerging new media such as video art, installations, graphic novel, digital art.

The jury will be a rich mix from conventional art backgrounds as well as other creative fields.

### HOW TO APPLY

Use **attached Application Form**

Or **download form** from our website [www.cimaartindia.com/www.cimaawards.in](http://www.cimaartindia.com/www.cimaawards.in)

Or collect form from CIMA Gallery office at address given below.

**Previous winners in any category of CIMA Awards Show, are NOT eligible to apply/participate.**

**Submit to : CIMA AWARDS, CIMA Gallery Pvt. Ltd., Sunny Towers, 2nd Floor, 43, Ashutosh Chowdhury Avenue, Kolkata 700 019**

or email : [cimaaward@gmail.com](mailto:cimaaward@gmail.com)

■ **completed application form**

■ **in a CD/DVD/Pendrive or as attachments to email:**

- a detailed updated **bio-data** (.doc/.docx/.pdf format only)
- **ONLY ONE ENTRY PER PERSON** under **ONE specific category**.
- Under **painting/sculpture/graphics/new media(digital art)/new media (installation art) category**, submit low-res (150dpi to 200dpi) images of **six works** done in last two years.
- Under **new media(video art) category**, submit **six videos** done in last two years.
- Only **TITLE, MEDIUM, SIZE** and **YEAR** should be mentioned below each submitted image/s.
- **EDITION** to be mentioned only for **Graphics, New Media (Digital Prints) and Sculptures**.
- **Artist name SHOULD NOT BE MENTIONED** on any images.
- **SUBMITTED WORKS SHOULD NOT HAVE BEEN PREVIOUSLY EXHIBITED IN ANY PRIVATE OR PUBLIC SPACE, MEDIA OR WEB BEFORE BEING SHOWN IN CIMA AWARDS SHOW**
- **Mark ONE of the six submitted works** (that you wish to feature in CIMA Award Show) as **'PROPOSED WORK':**
  - Be a **FRESH WORK done in LAST ONE YEAR** (15 Feb 2023 – 15 FEB 2024)
  - Include **A CONCEPT NOTE** on the Proposed Work.

**\*\* Jury may select any ONE of the six submitted images, which might not be the proposed work**

o **LAST DATE OF SUBMISSION: 18 February, 2024**

**COMPLETE/CORRECT/AND THOSE ADHERING TO THE ABOVE CRITERIA ONLY WILL BE CONSIDERED**

## SELECTION PROCESS

Preliminary selection will be done by **first week of May, 2024**. Shortlisted candidates will be notified accordingly **through 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.

All featuring works must be appropriate for either outdoor or gallery display and the artist's preference must be clearly stated. Art works sent **must comply with the maximum sizes** stipulated as follows:

- o **Size 2D – 10 x 10 ft. (Max)**
- o **Size 3D – 10 x 10 x 10 ft. (Max)**

**FINAL SUBMISSION MUST MATCH WORK SELECTED BY JURY.**

## WHO CAN PARTICIPATE

This award is open to **residents of India** only.

Applicants are required to be **actively engaged practicing artists for the past three years**.

Age limit : **21 years to 49 years as of 01 January, 2025**. However, in exceptional cases, a grace of one year may be considered.

They may be **formally trained** or **self-taught**.

## THE ENTRIES MUST MEET THE FOLLOWING REQUIREMENTS:

- o Each entry must be **an authentic, original work** by the participating artist.
- o 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 : ₹6 lakhs, a trophy and a solo show within two years of winning the award.**
- **1st Runner Up Award : ₹4 lakhs and a trophy.**
- **2nd Runner Up Award : ₹3 lakhs and a trophy.**
- **Jury Award: ₹1 lakh and a trophy.**
- **Two Special Mention Awards: ₹50,000 each and a trophy.**
- **Four Merit Awards: ₹35,000 each.**
- **Director's Choice Awards: ₹25,000 each.**

*\*\* subject to alteration*

## CATALOGUE

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

## CALL 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.*

**CIMA AWARD 2025**  
**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: (STDCODE)  PHONE NUMBER

EMAIL: \_\_\_\_\_

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

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

**New Media (Sub-Catagory) :** 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 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 **SERIALY AND CHRONOLOGICALLY**.
2. **LOW-RES (150 - 200dpi; in .jpg format only)** IMAGES OF **SIX WORKS** 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**  
**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).

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

\_\_\_\_\_  
DATE (DD/MM/YYYY)

\_\_\_\_\_  
SIGNATURE OF APPLICANT

\_\_\_\_\_  
PLACE

- **Only ONE entry in one specific catagory** per applicant is permissible.
- 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 **18 FEBRUARY, 2024 latest**; after which it shall **NOT** be accepted.
- **Self attested copies of supporting documents on AGE, Academic Qualifications and Achievements** must also be enclosed or sent as attachments.

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

Serial No. \_\_\_\_\_ Registrar \_\_\_\_\_



# CIMA AWARDS 2022

05 February, 2022

CRYSTAL ROOM, TAJ BENGAL, KOLKATA

CIMA Award winner, Suman Chandra with Rakhi Sarkar, Director, CIMA



CIMA Award (1st Runner Up) winner, Sonal Varshneya



Parash Maity (2nd Runner Up) Award winner, Akshay Maiti with Jayasri Burman



Jury Award winner, Asis Kumar Mahakhud with Shreyasi Chatterjee & Alka Pande



Jury Award winner, Ravi Morya with Shreyasi Chatterjee & Alka Pande



Special Mention Award winner, Sayantan Samanta with Rudrangshu Mukherjee, Chancellor, Ashoka University



Special Mention Award winner, Anirban Saha with Rudrangshu Mukherjee, Chancellor, Ashoka University



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Above row

Actress Mimi Chakraborty with Merit Award winners:

1. Jaladhar Naskar. 2. Joydeep Bhattacharjee 3. Satyaranjan Das  
4. Subhankar Bag

Adjacent row

Film Director, Suman Mukhopadhyay with Director's Choice Winners:

5. Yogeesh P. Naik and 6. Shivi Yadav







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