



# **SAINT JOHN'S BRIDGES 2024**

International exhibition of children's artistic expression

# **SVATOJÁNSKÉ MOSTY 2024**



Mezinárodní soutěžní přehlídka dětského výtvarného projevu

**Dear children, dear parents, teachers, educators and friends,**

we would like to invite you to participate in international exhibition of children's artistic expression *St. John's Bridges* for youths between the age of 4 to 16, which is being held on the occasion of the celebration of the 295th anniversary of the canonization of St. John of Nepomuk. The second year of this competition will take place in 2024.

## **Purpose of the exhibition**

The main goal of this exhibition is to support and foster in children their natural drive to use imagination and sense of wonder, and express themselves through their artistic creativity, develop of children's artistic expression and communication between children of different nationalities through their art. We also see benefits in the opportunity to learn about varied art cultures and different ways of artistic execution, especially in those countries of Europe and South America, where the twin towns of Nepomuk are located.

## **Mission of the exhibition**

The mission of the Saint John's Bridges is to bring together young people from different countries of the world, with a different artistic language of expression. We realize the importance of connecting the legacy of St. John of Nepomuk to overcome the distance and differences between children of all nations. Not only in geographical, but also in figurative sense. The profound life story of St. John of Nepomuk presents a strong motive to learn about the Christian roots of Europe, and in the countries of American continent as well.

That is the reason why the main topic of this exhibition is "**The symbolism of the bridge as a connection between people and God, bridges between people and between nations**". In each year of the competition, there is a topical theme related to the life of Saint John, his attributes and patronages. For 2024, the current topic is **Water**. Participants are free choose between both topics.

### **Registration**

The participants can be signed up as individuals or groups by their parents or institutions, such as schools, dioceses, children's leisure time organizations, etc. If you are interested in participating, fill out the application at [svatojanskemosty.cz](http://svatojanskemosty.cz) please.

### **Categories**

- I. Category (age 4-6, kindergarteners)
- II. Category (age 7-9)
- III. Category (age 10-12)
- IV. Category (age 13-16)
- V. Group artworks
- VI. Category *Young in heart* (age 17+)

### **Art techniques**

Painting, drawing, graphic arts and other combined techniques

### **Instruction**

- Paper format A4 – A1 (or similar canvas size)
- Works that can be easily wiped off must be secured with a fixing spray
- Each work of art must be marked on the back with a label with the required information, which is shown below or can be downloaded from [svatojanskemosty.cz](http://svatojanskemosty.cz)
- Along with sending your works by post or other delivery service, please fill out the electronic application on the website and please send an e-mail with a photo of your work to [artcompetition@svatojanskemosty.cz](mailto:artcompetition@svatojanskemosty.cz)
- You can also send pictures of your creation process

### **Awards for artworks**

- Diploma for participation in the competition, jury prizes
- Special prize of the Archdeacon of Nepomuk
- Special prize of the Mayor of Nepomuk
- Special prize of the Czech Ambassador to Brazil
- A universal calendar will also be made from the award-winning works, which will be sent to the authors.

### **Organizers**

The St. John's Bridges children's art show competition is jointly organized by the following entities: The municipality of Nepomuk, Elementary School Nepomuk, The Archdeaconry of Nepomuk and St. John's Museum, St. John's Matice of Nepomuk and Němejcův atelier K.

The works of art will be exhibited in the Nepomuk galleries and at Zelená Hora Castle from the end of April 2024. **The opening date is set for Sunday, April 28.**

The patronage of the competition show was taken over by the Mayor of Nepomuk, Mr. Vladimír Vokurka, the Archdeacon of Nepomuk, P. Jiří Špiřík, and the Czech Ambassador to Brazil, Mrs. Pavla Havrlíková.

**The deadline for submitting your artwork is March 31, 2024.**

**Please use the following address:**

Svatojánské mosty

Svatojánské muzeum Nepomuk

Přesanické náměstí 1

335 01 Nepomuk

Česká republika /Czech Republic, Europe

*We don't return your artworks, thank you.*

*Submitted artworks remain the property of the organizers and will be used for study and exhibition purposes. The organizers are also entitled to use these artworks free of charge for publishing publications. By submitting an artwork, participants express their consent to the free use of their work in accordance with the relevant provisions of the Copyright Act. The organizers are not obliged to use the artworks in the above-mentioned manner and are entitled to partially or fully grant this authorization to a third party.*

**CZ: Štítek k označení práce**

**EN: Artwork Label**

**PT: Etiqueta da obra de arte**

*(CZ: , vyplňte, vytiskněte a nalepte prosím na rubovou stranu do pravého dolního rohu /*

*EN: fill out, print out, stick onto the back of your artwork – right bottom corner/*

*PT: completar, imprimir, colar na parte de trás do seu trabalho artístico - canto inferior direito )*

Jméno a příjmení / First and last names / Nome e apelido	
Věk / Age / Idade	Země / Country / País
Adresa bydliště/ Address/ Endereço de residência	
Název práce, rok vzniku / Artwork title, year/ Título da obra, ano de criação	
Technika/ Technique / Técnica	
Kontakt na rodiče (telefon, e-mail) / Parental contact / Contacto parental (telefone, e-mail)	

**Address Label:**

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## **BASIC TOPIC: SAINT JOHN'S BRIDGES**

The symbolism of the bridge as a connection between people and God, bridges between people and between nations...

### **About St. John of Nepomuk**

Saint John of Nepomuk, national patron of Bohemia, patron of Bavaria and many towns around the world, is a significant figure in Czech history and in European cultural heritage whose significance extends to other continents. John of Pomuk (today's town of Nepomuk) was the vicar general of the Prague Archbishop John of Jenštejn. He lived in the 14th century.

More on [https://svatojanskemosty.cz/pages/en\\_stjohn.html](https://svatojanskemosty.cz/pages/en_stjohn.html)

## **CURRENT TOPIC FOR 2024: WATER**

*Water is one of the basic compounds on Earth. It covers almost three quarters of the surface of the globe. Living things and beings can only do without water for a limited period of time. In nature, there is a cycle during which the state of water changes due to solar radiation, gravity and the movement of the planet. However, the climate change is disrupting this cycle in many regions, manifesting itself in particular as extreme droughts and lack of moisture, or conversely heavy rainfall, snowfall or rapid snowmelt, as floods or snow calamities.*

*The UN's Millennium Development Goals (MDGs) of 2000 include halving the number of people without access to safe drinking water. In developed countries, access to drinking water, which is treated mechanically, chemically and by other methods, has so far been relatively easy. However, it is estimated that more than a billion people in the world do not have access to safe water. Meanwhile, problems with water sufficiency may also affect the developed countries of Europe in the coming decades. Some regions of Bohemia and Moravia are already experiencing a significant decline in water supplies, particularly in the dry months.*

***As a globally important topic as well as an important patrociniun of St John's, WATER has been chosen as the special topic of 20024 St John's Bridges Arts Competition.***