

**Gdańsk Archipelago of Culture and Gdańsk Community Foundation and their Partners are happy to extend invitations to the 9<sup>th</sup> International Exlibris and Small Graphic Art Competition “The Animals of the Baltic Sea”.**

The Exlibris and Small Graphic Art Competition organized by Gdańsk Archipelago of Culture and Gdańsk Community Foundation is of a cyclic character. This prestigious event of international significance and range attracts both recognized Polish and international artists and beginners.

The theme of this competition is “The Animals of the Baltic Sea”. The results of the efforts of the artists are to draw people’s attention to the unusual creatures of the Baltic waves, with their unique colours, sizes as well as names. Shrimp, moon jellyfish, lion’s mane jellyfish are just some of them. It is also an impulse to reach for maps and atlases in which there are representations of the sea creatures, sometimes scary and threatening, sometimes interesting and fascinating.



The results of the creative search of the artists from all over the world will be shown on:

- **POST-COMPETITION EXHIBITION** of the works awarded and distinguished by the jury.
- **An individual exhibition of Jakub Jaszewski** – the winner of the 1<sup>st</sup> prize of the 8<sup>th</sup> edition of the International Exlibris and Small Graphic Art Competition of 2016 “The Dreams of Gdańsk Neptune” (in the category of traditional techniques).
- Honorary **Grand Prix** of the 9<sup>th</sup> International Exlibris and Small Graphic Art Competition.
- **Special Prizes** of the Organizers and Partners.

Each edition of the competition had a different theme: 200<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the birth of Wincenty Pol (2007), “Gdańsk Lions” (2008), “The Spirit of Gdańsk Architecture” (2009), “Solidarity of People. Solidarity of Nations” (2010), “Man - Earth – Space” (2011), “Sport” (2012), “The Secrets of Cold Sea” (2014), “The Dreams of Gdańsk Neptune” (2016).

A professional jury composed of recognized graphic artists will award statutory financial prizes for I, II and III place. There will also be special prizes.

The competition will result in a post-competition exhibition shown in the most important institutions of culture of the Pomeranian region and a catalogue of awarded works and the ones considered to be the most interesting ones by the jury. The organizers also plan an individual exhibition of the winner of the 1<sup>st</sup> prize in category of traditional techniques of the exlibris competition of 2016, Jakub Jaszewski.

**More information:** [www.exlibrisgdansk.pl](http://www.exlibrisgdansk.pl), [www.wyspaskarbow.gak.gda.pl](http://www.wyspaskarbow.gak.gda.pl), [www.wspolnotagdańska.pl](http://www.wspolnotagdańska.pl).