

National Sculpture Award

“ALIMONDO CIAMPI”

Ceramics and Terracotta

The Pro Loco Association of Signa, with the patronage of the Municipality of Signa, the Alimondo Ciampi Foundation, the Cooperative Credit Bank Banco Fiorentino Mugello–Impruneta–Signa and Progetto Renai, announces the First Edition of the National Sculpture Award “Alimondo Ciampi”, dedicated to the memory of the sculptor from Signa, Alimondo Ciampi.

The Award aims to promote dialogue between contemporary art and local territory and to enhance the tradition of ceramics and terracotta historically linked to the Municipality of Signa.

The winning works will become part of a permanent contemporary sculpture route in the territory of the Municipality of Signa, with particular reference to the Renai Natural Park.

Art. 1 – Purpose

The Award aims to:

- enhance artists of all ages and backgrounds;
- encourage the growth of young talent;
- promote the artistic tradition of ceramics and terracotta in the Signa area;
- create dialogue between contemporary art and public space.

Art. 2 – Requirements for the works

Each artist may participate with one work only. Multiple submissions by the same author are not permitted.

The works must be conceived for installation in public space and suitable for outdoor exhibition.

To ensure adequate visibility and presence, dimensions must be no smaller than 50 cm per side. The maximum permitted size is 70 cm per side (height, width and depth).

Works must be made predominantly of ceramics or terracotta, also in combination with other materials.

Works already presented in previous editions of the competition will not be accepted.

Art. 3 – Categories and awards

Over 30 Award

- Cash prize: €2,000
- The winning work will be placed in the Renai Natural Park or another public space in the Municipality of Signa.

Under 30 Award

- Cash prize of €1,000 and participation in an artist residency.

- Residency lasting 5–6 days at a local company specializing in ceramics and sculpture.
- Creation of a work intended for the Renai Natural Park.
- The residency includes a contribution of €1,600 for accommodation and production expenses.
- The final work will be agreed upon with the jury and the organization.

People's Choice Award

- Cash prize: €400
- Assigned by public vote during the exhibition.
- The winner will also have the opportunity to hold a temporary solo exhibition in an exhibition space of the Municipality of Signa.

Art. 4 – Participation

Participation is open to artists of any age and nationality.

Applications must be submitted by 31 July 2026 through:

<https://fondazionealimondociampi.org/award>

Applications must include:

- completed application form;
- artistic CV;
- 3 high-resolution photographs of the work;
- 1 360° video;
- technical sheet including artist name, title, technique, dimensions, materials and short description.

Registration will be confirmed by email.

Participation implies full acceptance of these regulations.

Art. 5 – Selection of works

Initial selection will be based exclusively on photographs and any videos submitted.

Only selected artists will be invited to physically deliver the work for the exhibition and final stage.

Approximately 15–20 finalist works will be exhibited at Villa Alberti in Signa.

The jury's decision is final and not subject to appeal.

Selected artists will be informed by August 2026.

Art. 6 – Delivery of selected works

From 1 September to 4 October 2026

Tourist Information Point

Piazza Stazione

50058 Signa (FI), Italy

Delivery times:

Weekdays: 9:00–12:00 / 15:00–18:00

Saturday: 9:00–12:00

Shipping and collection costs are borne entirely by participants.

Art. 7 – Exhibition of works

Selected works will be displayed in a temporary exhibition at Villa Alberti in Signa together with photographic and video material.

A catalogue including all selected works will be published.

Art. 8 – Award ceremony

The ceremony will take place during “Sapori d’Autunno” in Signa’s historic center on the third Sunday of October.

All participants will receive a certificate of participation.

Art. 9 – Ownership and return of works

The Over 30 winning work will become property of Pro Loco Signa.

Non-awarded works may be collected on the day of the award ceremony or during the following week.

Uncollected works become property of Pro Loco Signa.

Art. 10 – Final provisions

The organization reserves the right to amend these regulations for organizational needs or force majeure without altering their substance.

Any updates will be published on the Pro Loco website.

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