

Press Information

Event: French Bodypainting Award

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French Bodypainting Award 2026 – Competition Review

The **French Bodypainting Award**, for the second time was held as part of **The Beauty Experience Paris**, brought together outstanding bodypainting artists from around the world to compete in the classical painting technique (Brush/Sponge) category under the theme **"Zodiac Signs and the Mystical Stars."**

Interest in the competition was exceptionally high, with more than 20 artist applications received from across the globe. Due to the competition format, only 10 places were available, and these were filled quickly. An independent jury carefully reviewed all submissions, selecting the strongest applications based on artistic quality, technical ability, creativity, and professional experience. The final lineup represented a diverse group of internationally recognized artists and emerging talents. The selected competitors represented the following countries – **Italy, France, Taiwan, Belgium, Israel and South Korea.**

Throughout the competition, artists transformed their models into stunning celestial creations inspired by astrology, mythology, and the mysteries of the universe. The resulting artworks demonstrated remarkable technical skill, originality, and artistic vision.

Judges & Jury process:

The competition entries were evaluated by an international judging panel according to a comprehensive scoring system that included: **Technique** – application, 3D effect, clearness, line work and precision. **Color Decision & Quality** – color harmony, visual impact, blending and overall quality of the painting. **Theme & Uniqueness** – interpretation of the theme, originality, and creative concept. **Composition & Overall Look** – the complete visual presentation, including decorative elements, images placed on body, and overall artistic impression.

The artworks were evaluated by an independent international jury consisting of:

- **Bella Volen (Austria/Bulgaria)** combines fine art and bodypainting in a unique and elegant way. She brings a strong sense of color, detail, and artistic harmony to the judging panel.

- **James Molloy (United Kingdom)** is an internationally recognized makeup artist and founder of Mykitco. He contributes extensive industry experience and a professional understanding of beauty and makeup standards.
- **Fiorina Colledara (France)** is an award-winning artist who has achieved significant international success, current World Champion in Camouflage Bodypainting. She is known for her sharp eye for detail and her fresh, contemporary perspective on creativity and artistic innovation.



After careful evaluation, the jury awarded the following winners:

1st Place: Antonella Malvasio (Italy)

2nd Place: Fanny Mansion (France)

3rd Place: Yujin Choi (South Korea)

A Word from the Organizer

"The French Bodypainting Award 2026 exceeded our expectations with the quality and diversity of the applications we received. With more than 20 artists applying for only 10 available places, the selection process was highly competitive. It was inspiring to see artists from different countries and creative backgrounds come together in Paris. I would like to thank all participating artists for their passion, professionalism, and dedication to the art of bodypainting. My sincere appreciation also goes to our independent jury for their expertise and commitment, as well as to The Beauty Experience Paris and Mykitco for their valuable support. Events like these continue to demonstrate the incredible talent and international spirit of the bodypainting community."

Anna Barendregt

Organizer, French Bodypainting Award 2026
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About:

The World Bodypainting Association (WBA) is dedicated to promoting bodypainting as a respected art form worldwide. Through international events, competitions, education, and artist support, the WBA connects creative talents across cultures and inspires artistic excellence, innovation, and community within the global bodypainting scene.

The Beauty Experience Paris, one of France's leading events dedicated to makeup artistry, beauty innovation, and professional education. Bringing together makeup artists, beauty professionals, brands, industry experts, and beauty enthusiasts, the event offers a unique platform for networking, live demonstrations, and creative inspiration.

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