CIMA Centre of International Modern Art was started in 1993 with a wish to serve as a centre for international modern art in context of India's unfolding narrative as a multi-cultural democracy. Through over two decades, it has blossomed into a forum for intellectual discourse encompassing different aspects of creative progression. 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 23 years has seen CIMA involved in promotion of 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 biennial event in search of country-wide talents in visual arts to recognise and reward artists for their talent and creativity. It is a unique initiative to reflect and widen the scope of visual art, thus creating a new milestone.

THE CIMA AWARD
The CIMA Award will be biennially awarded to recognize excellence in visual art and discover genuine talent in India, especially beyond the cities. The works for the awards will be selected by a jury which will highlight 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 art 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 background as well as other creative fields.

HOW TO APPLY
Use attached Application Form
Or download form from our website www.cimaartindia.com
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

- completed application form
- in a CD/DVD or as attachments to email:
  - a detailed bio-data (contents for which mentioned in form enclosed)
  - low-res (150dpi to 200dpi) images of at least six works of one specific category (i.e. either painting/sculpture/graphics/new media) done in the last two years with details (i.e. title, medium, edition (if any), size and year only) including ONE work that you wish to submit for CIMA Awards Show by indicating clearly as ‘proposed work’. Please also note that all images submitted should have the following details namely, title, medium, size and year only.

THE PROPOSED WORK FOR CIMA AWARDS SHOW SHOULD:
- BE A FRESH WORK DONE IN LAST ONE YEAR (15 FEB 2015 – 15 FEB 2016)
- SHOULD NOT HAVE BEEN PREVIOUSLY EXHIBITED IN ANY PRIVATE OR PUBLIC SPACE, MEDIA OR WEB BEFORE BEING SHOWN IN CIMA AWARDS SHOW
- INCLUDE A CONCEPT NOTE on the proposed work.

LAST DATE OF SUBMISSION: 15 February, 2016
COMPLETE/CORRECT/AND THOSE ADHERING TO THE ABOVE CRITERIA ONLY WILL BE CONSIDERED.

SELECTION PROCESS
Preliminary selection will be done by third week of April, 2016. Shortlisted candidates will be notified accordingly through 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:

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

FINAL SUBMISSION MUST MATCH THE PROPOSED WORK.

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: 25 years to 45 years as of 01 January, 2017. 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:
- Each entry must be an authentic, original work by the participating artist.
- 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 of Rs. 5 lakhs along with a trophy and a solo show within two years of winning the award.

Two Jury Awards of Rs. 2 lakh each along with a trophy.

Two Special Mention of Rs. 50,000/- each along with a trophy.

Four Merit Awards of Rs. 25,000/- each.

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:

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