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**FESPA AWARDS 2019 OPEN FOR ENTRIES**

*Entries to the 2019 awards will close on 25 January 2019*

The 28th edition of the FESPA Awards is now open to print service providers (PSPs) and sign-makers looking to highlight their outstanding examples of print.

Launched in 1991, the FESPA Awards is the longest running awards in the speciality print industry, with last year’s awards receiving over 200 entries from 30 countries, which were shortlisted and awarded at the FESPA Gala Night in front of over 300 guests.

Quentin King, Director of UK company, Harwood King Printmakers, who won the Gold Award in the Serigraphies and Fine Art category and Best in Show at the FESPA Awards 2018, comments on how winning a FESPA Award has benefitted his business: “Since winning a FESPA Award we have seen a number of benefits. Our employees feel more pride in their work and have become more diligent when problem solving, which has led to enhanced client satisfaction and additional confidence for new clients. As a team we are more determined than ever to produce the best products using the latest techniques for our customers.”

The FESPA Awards celebrates exceptional talent within the global speciality print industry across [14 categories](https://www.fespaawards.com/categories/). The print related categories include:

* Display and Packaging on Paper and Board
* Display and Packaging on Plastic - Point of Purchase
* Posters
* Serigraphies and Fine Art
* Decals and Printed Labels
* Creative Special Effects – Paper Board and Plastics
* Special Effects on T-shirts, Garments and Other Textiles
* Printed Garments
* Roll-to-Roll Printed Textiles
* Glass, Ceramic, Metal and Wood Products
* Direct Printing on Three Dimensional Products
* Non-Printed Signage
* Functional Printing - Fascias, Dials, Name plates

The final category is the Young Star Award, which can be entered by those aged 16 to 25 working as a junior employee, trainee or student in any print related discipline. Entrants can enter this award by submitting work in any of the print related categories.

This year FESPA has introduced two sub-categories for the Young Star Award:

* Vocational trainee in digital or screen printing – including apprentices or interns that have been on placement for more than 12 months, endorsed by their manager.
* Design student for digital or screen printing endorsed by their educational establishment.

In addition to the 14 categories, entrants will automatically be entered for two further awards:

* The **People’s Choice Award,** whichis selected by FESPA’s online community from all entries. Voting will be open from 4 February to 4 March 2019.
* The **Best in Show Award,** decided by the FESPA Awards Judges.

Within each print category, there are four sub-categories which applicants can enter: digital printing, screen printing, mixed techniques and non-printed. For more information on all of this year’s categories visit: [www.fespaawards.com/categories](http://www.fespaawards.com/categories)

Early bird and FESPA member rates will be available for entries made before 2 November 2018. After this date, entries will cost €50 per entry for members, €100 per entry for non-members and €15 for trainees and students.

All shortlisted entries will be displayed at the FESPA Global Print Expo 2019 in Munich, Germany from 14 to 17 May. Winners of the 2019 awards will be announced at the 2019 Gala Dinner, which will take place on Wednesday 15 May in Munich. Tickets for the 2019 Gala Dinner will be available soon.

For more information on the FESPA Awards 2018 and how to participate visit: [www.fespaawards.com](http://www.fespaawards.com)

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**About FESPA**

Founded in 1962, FESPA is a global federation of Associations for the screen printing, digital printing and textile printing community. FESPA’s dual aim is to promote screen printing and digital imaging and to share knowledge about screen and digital printing with its members across the world, helping them to grow their businesses and learn about the latest developments in their fast growing industries.

**FESPA Profit for Purpose**   
The shareholders are the industry. FESPA has invested millions of Euros into the global printing community over the last seven years, supporting the growth of the market. For more information visit [www.fespa.com](http://www.fespa.com)

**FESPA Print Census**

The FESPA Print Census is a global research project to understand the wide format, screen and digital print community. It is the largest data gathering project of its kind. The survey is published in several languages and can be completed online: [www.fespa.com/completemycensus](http://www.fespa.com/completemycensus).

**Forthcoming FESPA events include:**

* FESPA Eurasia, 6-9 December 2018, (IFM) Istanbul Expo Centre, Istanbul, Turkey
* Asia Print Expo 2019, 21-23 February 2019, BITEC Exhibition Centre, Bangkok, Thailand
* FESPA Brasil, 20 – 23 March 2019, Expo Center Norte, São Paulo, Brazil
* FESPA Global Print Expo, 14-17 May 2019, Messe München, Munich, Germany
* European Sign Expo, 14-17 May 2019, Messe München, Munich, Germany
* FESPA Awards, 15 May 2019, Munich, Germany

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