



BODYPAINTING CONTEST

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In collaboration with

RULES OF THE BODY PAINTING CONTEST 2025:

(Read carefully. Any registration implies unconditional acceptance of these rules.)

1. General Information

1.1. The **AC Bodypainting Contest** is organized by Annick Cayot and will take place on Monday, April 14, 2025, in Brussels, as part of the **BIFFF**.

1.2. Participation is open to artists, models, and assistants aged 18 and over from Belgium and any other country.

1.3. Each artist is responsible for their model and must ensure that the model also complies with the established rules.

2. Conditions for Artist Participation

Pre-selection - validation:

- To register, each candidate/model/assistant must complete and sign the registration form. The artist must also submit a portfolio of their creations at the time of registration.

- Within five working days, the organization will review the project to ensure it meets the contest criteria. The candidate will then be informed of the validation or any necessary adjustments.

2.1. Registration

- Once the project is validated, artists must complete and submit the full registration form before the deadline of April 8, 2025, to the email address bodypaintingcontest@annickcayot.com.
- All participants (artists, models, and assistants) must certify they are of legal age (18+).
- The artist may be assisted by one assistant (who may only help with backgrounds, prosthetics, and accessories). The assistant's ID card must be included in the registration file.
- Each artist is responsible for their model and must ensure that the following rules are followed.
- Registration is free for this first edition.

Rehearsals:

- Participants must prepare their models for the stage walk before the event.

Additional Information:

THE ASSISTANT:

- Each competitor may work with one assistant. Only the makeup artist is listed as a competitor. The assistant is not included.
- Therefore, the assistant will not receive any award, even if the makeup artist they assist wins a title.

THE MODEL:

- The model must be at least 18 years old.
- The model may not apply makeup on themselves or be considered an assistant.
- The artist must ensure that the model stays hydrated, eats, and can access restrooms at any time. The artist must also be attentive to any signs of discomfort, especially from prolonged standing.

2.2. Categories

- Artists must choose one category from the following:

½ body painting (front-facing, up to the knees) (brushes, sponges, and/or airbrush)

- Full body painting (brushes, sponges, and/or airbrush)
- Body painting FX

Any type of hairstyling creations is allowed.

2.3. Theme

- **Fantasy**

The theme must be followed to avoid disqualification.

2.4. Equipment

- Artists must bring their own equipment (makeup, brushes, sponges, etc.).
- Only makeup products specifically designed for body painting are allowed.
- The products used must be certified non-toxic and skin-friendly. Products not specifically designed for face and body painting are strictly prohibited.
- We require the safety of your model. However, Annick Cayot & the BIFFF are in no way responsible for the makeup products and equipment used by participants during the event. In case of an incident caused by the products, such as an allergic reaction or any other issue, the sole responsibility lies with the artist or the user of the said product.
- Face charts, body charts, and stencils are allowed.
- Ultraviolet makeup and special effects makeup (e.g., thermochromic) are not permitted.

2.5. Time Limits

- Artists must adhere to the time limits and may not start before the official start time:
 - ½ body painting: maximum 6 hours from 12 PM to 6 PM
 - Full body painting: maximum 8 hours from 10 AM to 6 PM
- Any unfinished creation within the time limit will be judged as is.

2.6. Behaviour

- Artists must respect the staff, judges, other participants, and their models.
- Any inappropriate behaviour, disrespect, or rule violation will result in immediate disqualification.

2.7. Intellectual Property

- All works must be original and created by the competitor.
- Plagiarism in any form will lead to disqualification.

3. Conditions for Model Participation

3.1. Consent

- Models must sign a consent form authorizing the use of their image for event promotion.
- Models must be at least 18 years old and provide an ID for verification.

3.2. Health and Safety

- Models must inform the artist and organizers of any allergies, health conditions, or medical issues that could be affected by the makeup products used.
- Models must arrive with clean skin, without any prior makeup or applied products.

3.3. Clothing and Nudity

- Models must agree to the necessary levels of nudity required for the artwork, while respecting the limits set by the artist and the organization.
- All models must wear at least a thong, shorty, or modesty covering (nipple covers required).
- Mutual respect between the model and artist is imperative.

3.4. Behaviour

- Models must respect the artist, other participants, and the event staff.
- Any inappropriate behaviour may result in immediate exclusion of the model and the associated artist.

4. Judging and Awards

4.1. Evaluation Criteria

The judges will evaluate based on the following criteria:

- Originality and creativity in theme interpretation
- Technical quality and mastery of face & body painting techniques
- Respect for the theme
- Final presentation
- Visual impact (staging, music, choreography)
- Interaction between the artwork and the model's movements

4.2. Jury Decisions

- Jury decisions are final and cannot be contested.

4.3. Awards

Prizes will be awarded at the end of the championship:

- 3 prizes per category

- ½ body painting:
 - 1st Prize: €375
 - 2nd Prize: €250
 - 3rd Prize: €200

- Full body painting:
 - 1st Prize: €375
 - 2nd Prize: €250
 - 3rd Prize: €200

- Body painting FX:
 - 1st Prize: €375
 - 2nd Prize: €250
 - 3rd Prize: €200

- 9 trophies

5. Image Rights and Intellectual Property - AC Bodypainting Contest & BIFFF

5.1. By registering for the **AC Bodypainting Championship**, all participants agree to be photographed and filmed. They authorize the distribution and commercialization of the photographs taken throughout the event for:

- Any promotional use of the event,
- Any promotional use of the competitor's work,
- On any medium: exhibition, photographic print, book, various objects (the list is not exhaustive).

Artists and models accept that their creations and images may be photographed and filmed during the event.

5.2. Photos and videos may be used by the organization for promotional purposes (website, social networks, press, etc.) without any financial compensation.

Only **ANNICK CAYOT, AC BODY PAINTING CONTEST, BIFFF, GABRIEL VERHEYLEWEGEN** (official photographer), **SUPERSTAR**, and the competitor are authorized to commercialize them.

All participants may share them freely (internet, social media) by crediting the competitor and those involved in the project (ANNICK CAYOT, AC BODY PAINTING CONTEST, BIFFF, GABRIEL VERHEYLEWEGEN - official photographer, SUPERSTAR).

The distribution of images or the use of media that harm the dignity of individuals is not permitted.

5.3. All participants can obtain and freely use event photos and videos taken by registered individuals for the legal duration of the exploitation rights and for the following uses:

- Any promotional operations for the concerned individuals, regardless of the medium: press, postcards, paper media, website, public projection, competitions, etc.

- Any public exhibitions (galleries, regardless of status or access conditions). The authors of the photos and videos also authorize Annick Cayot, BIFFF, and Gabriel Verheylewegen to commercialize them for the same duration to help fund the event and its future editions.

5.4. Artists, models, and assistants commit to mentioning **ANNICK CAYOT, AC BODY PAINTING CONTEST, BIFFF, GABRIEL VERHEYLEWEGEN, and SUPERSTAR** in all publications. In return, the organizers will credit the artists.

5.6. All participants certify that they will not publish photos or videos on a website or page that could damage the reputation of other participants (e.g., erotic sites, etc.).

5.7. **ANNICK CAYOT, AC BODY PAINTING CONTEST, BIFFF, GABRIEL VERHEYLEWEGEN, and SUPERSTAR**, as well as each participant (artists, models, and assistants), have the right to request the removal of a published photo if they find it embarrassing, vulgar, or detrimental to their image. If the person who published the photo refuses to remove it, Annick Cayot will make the final decision.

5.8. Participants hereby waive any compensation or remuneration for the reproduction or distribution of images.

5.9. **Annick Cayot and BIFFF** reserve the right to use event photos for publications on social networks, websites, specialized bodypainting sites, as well as prints on posters, brochures, banners, and other communication materials to promote the event in future years. The list is not exhaustive.

5.10. Photo Delivery:

The photographer commits to providing the photos and videos to the organization, Annick Cayot, the BIFFF, SUPERSTAR, and their artist/model **by February 16, 2025**. The files will be uploaded to the online storage space provided by the organization. Photos and videos must be provided with a maximum file size of 1 MB per photo. The AC BBC logo will be placed on each photo and video, along with the photographer's name in a corner of the image if they wish.

Upon request, the photographer will provide a high-definition version without the logo on a case-by-case basis when the organization requires it for print purposes.

Failure to comply with these rules may result in the participant not being accepted for the next edition of the event.

All photos and videos of face & body painting that are published must include the following mentions and hashtags:

#académieannickcayot #annickcayot #belgianchampionship #gabrielverheylewegen #biff
#superstar

6. Additional Provisions

6.1. The organization declines all responsibility in the event of allergic reactions related to the use of compliant or non-compliant products.

6.2. The organization reserves the right to modify the regulations before the event and will inform participants as soon as possible.

6.3. ****Cancellation Policy:**** : If the event is cancelled due to unforeseen circumstances (such as COVID-19, natural disasters, riots, protests, etc.), participants will be notified as soon as possible. Event-related expenses ****will not be refunded**** by the organization. Candidates will not be eligible for a refund but will ****automatically be registered for the following year's edition****, if they wish and if the event takes place.

6.4. ****Harassment Policy:****

Any form of ****harassment, discrimination, or inappropriate behaviour**** will result in ****immediate disqualification****.

7. Acceptance of the Rules

- Participation in the contest implies ****full and unconditional acceptance**** of these rules by artists and models.
- In case of ****any rule violation****, the organization reserves the right to ****exclude the concerned participant****.

Done at:

On:

Artist's signature: _____

Model's signature: _____

Assistant's signature: _____

(preceded by the mention "read and approved")