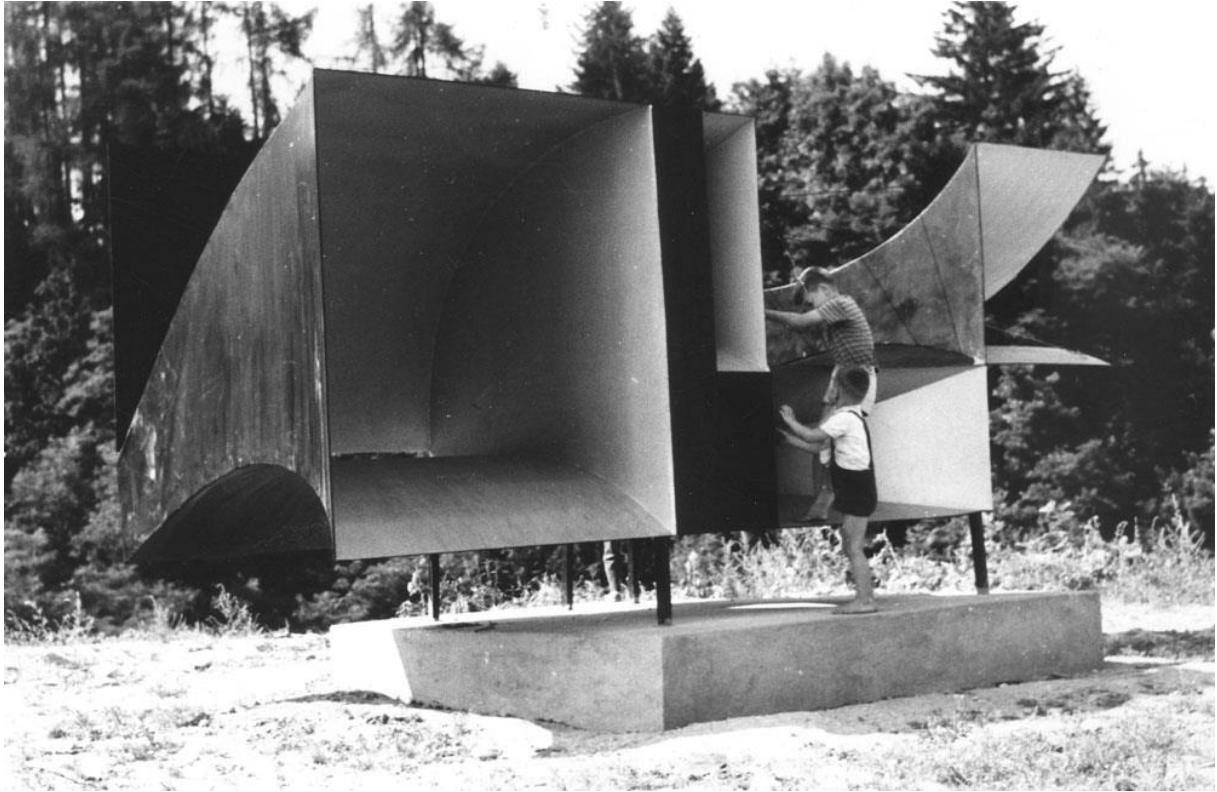




Jerzy Jarnuszkiewicz, Untitled, 1964. © Forma Viva Ravne

Call for applications:

FORMA VIVA RAVNE+

KKŠ - CLUB OF CARINTHIAN STUDENTS AND RAVNE GALLERY (KGLU)

For the fifth year in a row, the Club of Carinthian Students (KKŠ) and the Ravne Gallery (KGLU) are inviting young artists between the ages of 18 and 29 to submit their works to the Forma viva Ravne+ art contest.

ABOUT

As the **first local student club** in Slovenia, the Club of Carinthian Students set a milestone in nationwide student organising. Throughout its **70 years** of existence it has been organizing projects primarily aimed at the personal and professional development of students. Among the most important projects of the last decade is the contest "**Carinthia, who are you?**". In the previous three years, the art contest was focused only on the Carinthia region, and in 2022, as part of the 70th anniversary celebration, we decided to open the Carinthian landscape to the whole of Slovenia. In 2023, the project is expanding to neighbouring countries.

With this year's edition, we are looking back at the history of Ravne na Koroškem as a space for contemporary art. The name "**Forma viva Ravne+**" refers to the history of Forma viva events, which have been taking place in Ravne na Koroškem since 1964 and have marked the otherwise industrial town as a centre of culture and contemporary art. The monumental Forma viva sculptures are the work of artists from all over the world and promote the concept of "living form" as a universal language of art that connects countries and people. For generations, they have been part of the city's spaces and people's everyday lives.

We named the contest "**Forma viva Ravne+**", as we want to mark the 60th anniversary of the making of the first Forma viva steel sculptures and at the same time, carry on the tradition of Ravne as a town where culture, industry and artistic creativity coexist. Facing the growing problem of youth emigration, we want to promote the potential of Carinthia as a region where young creatives can find their place. With this competition we want to encourage young people's creativity and offer them the opportunity to present their artistic oeuvre to the wider public, enriching the cultural activity in Ravne na Koroškem.

CONTEST

The contest has no set theme. It is open to all young artists between the ages of 18 and 29. The prize is awarded for high-quality and innovative artworks created in the last two years and/or an exhibition concept with focus on installation or sculpture for the [Ravne Gallery \(KGLU\)](#).

Works in the fields of applied arts, design, theatre and film are not the subject of this competition.

REQUIREMENTS AND RULES

- The applicant must be between 18 and 29 years of age.
- Artists can apply on their own, or can be proposed by institutions or individuals.
- The winner will be selected by a 4-member jury of renowned curators and artists.
- The jury reserves the right not to award the prize if none of the applicants meet the criteria.

PRIZE

The main prize is **a solo exhibition at the Ravne Gallery in 2024.**

APPLICATION DOCUMENTS

The application must include:

- personal data (name, surname, address, telephone, e-mail address),
- a short professional CV with the year of birth,
- a portfolio of at least five (5) and at most ten (10) works created in the last two (2) years (from 2021 onwards), marked with information about the artist and the works (title, year, technique, dimensions) and/or a concept for an exhibition at the Ravne Gallery. The documentation may include digital recordings on CD, DVD or USB. Photographs of the submitted artworks should be of high quality (300 DPI, maximum 3 MB).
- artist's statement about their artistic works and practice, or an explanation by the proposer (up to 1000 characters).

Please send your application and all the documentation latest **by Sunday 2 July 2023**, physically to the address:

**Klub koroških študentov
Čečovje 5
2390 Ravne na Koroškem, Slovenia**

or submit it by an email (in zip, rar, pdf, docx, jpeg formats) to **formaviva.ravne@gmail.com**

Candidates may submit accompanying documentation (catalogues, texts, etc.). The attached documentation will not be returned and will remain in our archives. Incomplete or late applications will not be taken into account in the selection process. For further information, please contact us by e-mail: **formaviva.ravne@gmail.com**.

Application deadline: Sunday 2 July 2023 (applies to the postmark or e-mail date). All applicants and proposers will be notified of the results of the competition by 15 July 2023.

Ravne na Koroškem, May 10 2023

Lana Praprotnik, project coordinator