

Contest Rules: Balloon Designer of the Year

- **Eligibility:** The competition is open to all talented balloon artists who wish to showcase their skills and creativity.
- **Entry Submission:** To enter the competition, participants must email three of their best balloon designs created in 2023. The submitted designs must include the following categories:
 - **Balloon Décor/Installation:** A design showcasing balloon decorations for events, parties, or celebrations.
 - **Centrepiece:** A design featuring a captivating and eye-catching balloon centerpiece.
 - **Twisted Design:** A design demonstrating impressive balloon twisting skills and techniques.
- **Balloon Types:** Participants are allowed to use various types of balloons in their designs, such as latex, foils, bubbles, clearz, or globes. However, it is mandatory that any latex balloons used in the designs must be Sempertex balloons.
- **Judging Criteria:** Entries will be evaluated by a panel of expert judges based on the following criteria:
 - **Colour Use:** Effective and harmonious use of colours in the designs.
 - **Techniques:** Demonstrated skill and creativity in balloon handling and manipulation.
 - **Finish:** Overall presentation and attention to detail in the finished designs.
- **Entry Display:** All submitted entries will be showcased on the Nozzle Up Balloon Event's website and social media pages. By submitting their designs, participants agree to have their work displayed and credited on these platforms.
- **Deadline:** The deadline for design submissions is October 1, 2023. Entries received after this date will not be considered.
- **Winner Announcement:** The winner of the "Balloon Designer of the Year" competition will be announced during the grand gala night on Saturday evening. Participants are encouraged to attend the event to be present during the announcement.
- **Prize:** The winner will receive the prestigious title of "Balloon Designer of the Year" and will be awarded €500 worth of balloons or education to further their skills and passion for balloon art.
- **Ownership and Originality:** Participants must ensure that the submitted designs are their original work and do not infringe upon the intellectual property rights of others. Plagiarized or copied designs will lead to disqualification.
- **Multiple Entries:** Participants are allowed to submit multiple entries, but each entry must consist of three distinct designs as per the categories mentioned above.
- **Rights to Use:** By submitting their designs, participants grant the Nozzle Up Balloon Event the right to use the designs for promotional purposes, with proper credit given to the respective artists.
- **Professional Conduct:** Participants are expected to conduct themselves professionally throughout the competition. Any inappropriate behaviour may lead to disqualification.