

Open Call for Artwork to all Mirca members.

Vernissage Location: Ostra Gymnasiet, Skogas, Sweden.

Deadline for receiving Artwork is August 10th

Theme: In recognition of Nobel Prize winner Malala Yousafzai

Show date: 29 aug 2015 to 24 oct 2015.

IMPORTANT INFORMATION-

Please follow the guidelines

- All Mirca members listed as going (maximum 50) are hereby invited to participate.
- The artwork can be anything from your work but it must be printed and sent in a poster format.
- Poster size maximum 70 x 50 centimeters. USA measurement approximately 19 ½ inches x 27 ½ inches.
- Mail the poster (**rolled, not framed**). The organizer will frame the poster.
- You may send a smaller poster if you like but it will not be framed.
- Send poster no later than 10 aug 2015 to: STEFAN TUNEDAL, KVINTETTV . 41, ZIP 14243 SKOGAS, SWEDEN

Why We Honor Malala Yousafzai

Malala Yousafzai is a Pakistani activist for female education and the youngest-ever Nobel Prize laureate. She is known mainly for human rights advocacy for education and for women in her native Swat Valley in northwest Pakistan where the local Taliban has at times banned girls from attending school. The following summer, journalist Adam B. Ellick made a *New York Times* documentary about her life as the Pakistani military intervened in the region. Yousafzai rose in prominence, giving interviews in print and on television. Yousafzai's advocacy has since grown into an international movement.

On 9 October 2012, Yousafzai boarded her school bus in the northwest Pakistani district of Swat. A gunman asked for her by name, then pointed a pistol at her and fired three shots. One bullet hit the left side of Yousafzai's forehead. She remained unconscious and in critical condition for many days and eventually was sent to the Queen Elizabeth Hospital in Birmingham, England, for intensive rehabilitation. On 12 October, a group of 50 Islamic clerics in Pakistan issued a fatwā against those who tried to kill her, but the Taliban reissued their fatwa to kill Yousafzai and her father, Ziauddin Yousafzai.

The assassination attempt sparked a national and international outpouring of support for Yousafzai. United Nations Special Envoy for Global Education Gordon Brown launched a UN petition in Yousafzai's name, demanding that all children worldwide be in school by the end of 2015; it helped lead to the ratification of Pakistan's first Right to Education Bill. A 2013 issue of *Time* magazine featured Yousafzai as one of "The 100 Most Influential People in the World". She was the winner of Pakistan's first National Youth Peace Prize, and the recipient of the 2013 Sakharov Prize. In July that year, she spoke at the headquarters of the United Nations to call for worldwide access to education, and in October the Government of Canada announced its intention that its parliament confer Honorary Canadian citizenship upon Yousafzai. In February 2014, she was nominated for the World Children's Prize in Sweden. In May, Yousafzai was granted an honorary doctorate by the University of King's College in Halifax. Later in 2014, Yousafzai was announced as the co-recipient of the 2014 Nobel Peace Prize for her struggle against the suppression of children and young people and for the right of all children to education. At age 17, Yousafzai is the youngest-ever Nobel Prize laureate.