



GOLDEN BRUSH
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WHY ENTER THE GOLDEN BRUSH?

Golden Brush is an annual three-month miniature painting challenge that encourages painters to push their creativity, learn new skills, and complete a project they can be proud of. Whether you're entering your first miniature or your hundredth, the challenge is designed to celebrate growth, community, and the incredible art of miniature painting.

HOW TO ENTER

Take a picture of the model/s you wish to enter in an unpainted state with a piece of paper in frame showing:

**YOUR NAME | DATE OF ENTRY | ENTRY NAME
CATEGORY & SUBCATEGORY | #BRISTLE2026**

Submit your photos and details using the link below.

https://www.goldenbrush.co.za/submit_entry.php

You will receive a reference number immediately after submitting or in an email. Using this reference, continue by clicking "pay now" or use it when making an EFT payment. Keep an eye on your entry status online!

Cost of entry is R100. You can pay via the Yoco Portal on the website or via EFT using the details below. Send the Proof of payment to **0844502833**.

Bank: ABSA

Account Holder: PYMTech

Account Type: ABSA Business Bank Account

Account Number: 4110643148

Branch Code: 632005

Reference: Your entry number

ONLINE COMPETITION!

The Online category is open to all those who cannot make it to the event in KZN. Entry is R50 per submission and you must submit one image as per the normal entry criteria. Once you have finished your model, we require between 3 and 5 high resolution images to be sent to us before the 8th of November 2026. We will be awarding a 1st, 2nd and 3rd prize to this category in the form of Vouchers to the combined value of R2500 from the Big Bang Store!



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RULES

- Closing Date for Entries is 01 November 2026. All Entries must be Paid for by this date.
- All Entries need to be completed by the 14th of November. Any entry that is not completed may be entered into the judging but will not likely be awarded.
- All Entries must be present at the Event to be judged.
- Do Not enter any model that has been entered into a previous miniature painting event.
- You cannot enter in two different experience levels (ie beginner large and Master's small)
- Do Not enter any miniature that has been painted by anyone else.
- It is the judge's discretion to change the category of the entry. For example, if we feel the model should be in the small category instead of large, or beginner instead of advanced, and vice versa.
- Only entries that have been confirmed via the entry process will be allowed.
- Judges may decide to remove any model from entry due to any circumstance and no refund will be given.
- You can only submit one entry per category.
- Entries must be at the event by 11:00. Prizes awarded at 15:00.
- Participants are encouraged to submit as many entries as possible but must enter each one separately.
- Banners and plinths are excluded from height limit.
- No AI Images to be used.
- This is a miniature painting challenge. With the exception of the Open Category, all miniatures must be Painted Miniatures.
- Online entries need to send at least three images and no more than five images of their final finished model via the website portal by no later than midnight 07 November 2026. No entries will be accepted thereafter.
- No Refund will be given under any circumstances.
- Prizes will be awarded as per the judges and event coordinators' judgement.



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NOTES

FROM THE ORGANISER:

This year we are trying something different: Open Judging.

This is how a lot of the more prestigious painting competitions and challenges that happen internationally judge their entries. Its goal is not to have a head-to-head ranking system, but instead to reward entries on their own merits. This means that if the piece you have entered meets the required thresholds, judged by our panel of judges, they will be rewarded accordingly. So there won't be a winner per category anymore. Instead, there may be many gold, silver, and bronze medals awarded in each category if the entries are of that caliber. This also means some categories may not get any awards. However, we will still be awarding Best in Show and Judges' Favorites. We are extremely excited to see what you bring!

AWARDS FOR THE EVENT:

Awards may include Gold, Silver, Bronze, Best in Show, Judges' Awards, and other special recognitions. The number of awards presented may vary depending on the quality and quantity of entries received.

HAVE ANY QUESTIONS?

JOIN OUR DISCORD!

<https://discord.gg/ZjCCM2Rg7r>



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CATEGORIES

BEGINNER		
SMALL	X1 	▽40MM
LARGE	X1 	△40MM
MASTERS		
SMALL	X1 	▽40MM
LARGE	X1 	△40MM
STORY TELLING		
SQUAD	3+ 	
DIORAMA	SCENE	
OPEN		
NO LIMIT	ANY SIZE	
VETERANS		
NO LIMIT	ANY SIZE	
ONLINE		
NO LIMIT	ANY SIZE	

(See next page for terms and definitions)

TERMS

- **Unpainted:** Miniature can be assembled and primed. No Zenithal or any further colours.
- **Beginner:** This may or may not be the first time you have ever painted a miniature, or you don't feel you have the grasp of any of the more advanced techniques.
- **Masters:** You have mastered or are mastering the form and feel you can take on the big dogs.
- **Small:** Single miniature up to 40mm tall (measured from the feet to the top of the head). Banners, scenic bases, plinths, and decorative elements are not included in the height measurement. Mounted Miniatures not included
- **Large:** Single miniature larger than 40mm (measured from the feet to the top of the head). Banners, scenic bases, plinths, and decorative elements are not included in the height measurement. Mounted, Monsters and Vehicles fall into this category
- **Diorama:** Any diorama of any type or size. Please don't make them larger than 500mm footprint or height.
- **Squad:** 3 or more miniatures painted in a unifying theme. This needs to have a base that all miniatures stand on. It can be scenic, but if any models on this base are not a part of the squad it may be changed to the Diorama category.
- **Open:** Any busts or miniatures that do not fall into any other category.
- **Young Bloods:** Anyone under the age of 15.
- **Veterans:** This Category is a free and open category that is meant for any of the past Golden Brush Award winners and judges. Will be given an award based on public vote.
- **Online:** For anyone (who is a resident of South Africa) who cannot travel the distance to the event but wants to take part.



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FAQ

Q: What models may I use?

A: Anything. literally anything. There is no limit to brands or sources. Make us proud and amaze us with your skills!

Q: Is there a whatsapp group?

A: Yes there is! Follow this link: <https://chat.whatsapp.com/F19EY7wUM9m6S8ZPgxFUT>

Q: Who will be judging the event?

A: Richard Cordeiro, Owner of Wildstorm Studios and Professional Miniature Painter and other experienced Miniature Painters from our community

Q: Can I enter multiple entries?

A: Yes you may! R100 per entry or R50 for Online! BUT only one entry per category (this does not count for Online Entries; there is no limit but a person can only win one award in this category)

Q: Can I show Work in progress before the final submission?

A: Yes! If you decide to post on social media please tag us on @goldenbrushza on Instagram and use the hashtag #Goldenbrush2026.

Q: What if I do not finish my entry in time? Do I get a refund?

A: All entry fees are being spent on resources for the event and are nonrefundable.

Q: Can I change my entry?

A: Yes, but only up till the 18th of October. All changes thereafter will be made by the judge's discretion only.

Q: What if I cannot make it to the event? Do I get a refund?

A: Unfortunately not.

Q: So how big can I go with the diorama category?

A: Try not to take up an entire table. Remember the more space you take up the more work you have to do, and time is limited.

Q: How much of the miniature needs to be in the Entry submission picture?

A: As much as you possibly can. If you are making a diorama try your best to include as much of the resources you are using for it. We want to eliminate any possibility of previously painted models making it into the event. We will also be comparing final submissions to the entry pictures

Q: Why can't we use any models we have already painted?

A: This would be against the spirit of the challenge. We want everyone to challenge themselves in a limited time and push themselves to make amazing entries.

Q: I don't live in KZN, can I enter?

A: Yes! This year's competition is open to all residents of South Africa. The only requirement is that you are at the event on the day with your entry! Or Try the Online category!

Q: Where will the judging event be?

A: Musketeers Pub/ German Club in Westville, KZN

Q: What other events will be happening on the day?

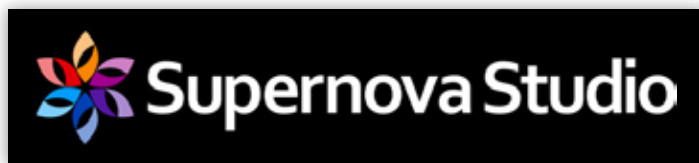
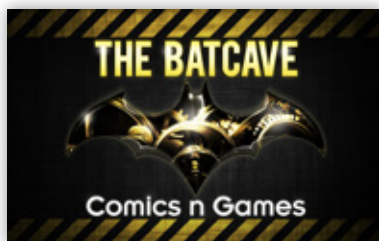
A: Hobby challenges! open tables! fun stuff!! Merch for sale and lots of cool things to buy!



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