

Rencontre Bodypainting 2026

Epinal
29-31 mai

France

Les Pygmalions
Groupe Artistique

Your Participant's Guide

Here is the 14th edition of the Rencontre Bodypainting France!

Welcome to RBF: The Friendly Spirit

Since 2013, the RBF has been the major annual gathering of the bodypainting community. Our motto: Conviviality and Exchange.

Building on its success and growing community, RBF has established itself as **one of the biggest bodypainting events in Europe.**

This 4-day event (Thursday to Sunday) is dedicated to artists, models and photographers.



Special Guest – Federica Rigozzo

Federica Rigozzo is an **accomplished Italian artist**, internationally recognized for her expertise in **Body Painting**, **Belly Painting** and **Face Painting**.

Achievements and Major Successes

Her exceptional talent has been crowned with several prestigious titles, making her an essential figure on the global artistic scene:

- World Bodypainting Champion 2024 (World Body Painting Festival, Klagenfurt, Austria) – Open Category.
- World Champion of Bodypainting 2023 (World Body Painting Festival, Klagenfurt, Austria) – Brush and Sponge category.
- Italian Bodypainting Champion 2023 (Italian Body Painting Festival, Riva del Garda) – Team Category.

Instructor, Judge, and University Lecturer

Beyond her competitions, Federica Rigozzo shares her expertise and experience:

- **Instructor** : She offers **Face Painting**, Belly Painting, Body Painting classes and art workshops in English and Spanish.
- **Experienced Judge** : She is regularly called upon as a judge at international competitions, notably for the Gibraltar Body Art Competition (in 2026, 2025 and 2024) and the Italian Body Painting Championship 2024.
- **University Teaching** : During the academic years 2022/2023, 2023/2024 and 2024/2025, she was a guest lecturer in Art Therapy at the University of Padua, focusing on Belly Painting as part of the "Psychoprophylactic Preparation for Childbirth" course.



The program and themes

THURSDAY, MAY 28

A friendly evening

Many of our participants arrive on Thursday afternoon, so we invite you to join us for a meal to enjoy a friendly get-together and get to know each other. Everyone should bring their own food and drinks to share. 😊

Everything takes place at the campsite where the participants are staying.

The program for Thursday, May 28th (at the campsite)

- 19:00: Social evening

FRIDAY, MAY 29

Body painting in “Off”

For artists who want to paint away from the public eye, try new techniques, or collaborate on a project, we invite you to join us for body painting sessions on Fridays at the campsite. All levels are welcome—it's the perfect opportunity to get started! Registration is free, we encourage the exchange of techniques between artists, and our photographers will be on hand and more available than ever to capture your artwork in the wooded setting of the campsite and by the lake!

The program for Friday, May 29th (at the campsite)

- 10:00 – 16:00: Bodypainting “Off” in a tent at the campsite
- 16:00 – 18:00: Free photo session at the campsite/in nature
- 19:30: Social evening (at the restaurant, see meal/Friday evening)

"Painting to Win" Workshop with Federica Rigozzo

Description :

This advanced bodypainting workshop is designed to transform your practice into concrete results. It covers competition strategy, from creating a winning project (composition, contrast, refined details) to presenting it to a jury. The goal is to provide you with the essential theoretical and practical tools to develop impactful and balanced works that excel in bodypainting competitions .

- How to prepare for a competition
- How to create a body painting for a competition
- Understanding the competition criteria
- How to present yourself and explain your project to a jury
- bodypainting piece for competition
- Composition
- Practical application
- Analysis of the works

Date: Friday, May 29, 2026

Location: Camping Les Nids du Lac - Sanchey

Technique used: Brushes and sponges

Duration: 1 day (9:00-12:30, 13:00-18:00)

Spoken language: English

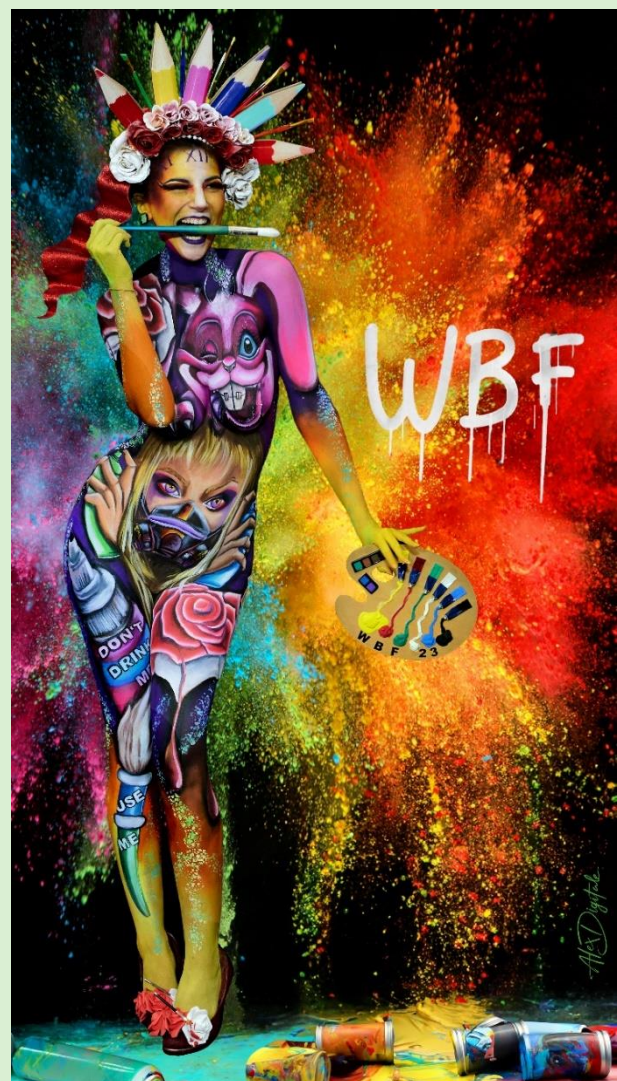
Number of places: 12

Model: only from 1pm onwards (the model cannot be present in the morning during the workshop)

Prerequisites: Must be 18 years of age or older. Each artist must bring their own materials (brushes, sponges, paints). Participants should not purchase anything before the workshop. Bring your own model (If you have difficulty finding a model, you can consult our list of volunteer models: <https://dub.sh/modeles-volontaires-RBF2026>).

Price: €150

Lunch break: 12:30-13:00, each participant is responsible for their own meal



SATURDAY, MAY 30

The theme:

“Alter Ego – The Two Facets of Life”

The Alter Ego invites us to explore the complexity and duality inherent in human existence. This theme highlights the presence of two faces or two identities coexisting within the same person, whether ordinary, historical, or mythological. Artists can depict this duality through three main narrative threads: the psychological upheaval caused by a major event, the permanent split personality, or the mythological metamorphosis between human and monster.

2 CATEGORIES

You can choose to participate in one of the following categories:

1. Competition Category
2. Classic (free, without competition)

The choice is made during registration. A box must be ticked in the form.

The theme remains the same for both categories.

COMPETITION CATEGORY

4th French Bodypainting Contest at the Rencontre Bodypainting France!

- Open category (airbrush, brush)
- A jury composed of 5 recognized personalities in the bodypainting community.
- No assistants (each artist works alone to showcase their full range of skills)
- No overlays or stencils to prepare the drawing (overlays are good but they don't allow for accurate comparison of each artist's work)
- Accessories are a nice addition but do not replace body painting (please do not overload the models with accessories).

A jury of bodypainting experts will judge according to the following criteria:

- Interpretation of the theme
- Originality
- Techniques used
- Quality
- Composition

Rules during the competition:

- 1) Models must be at least 18 years old.
- 2) The entire body must be painted
- 3) It is forbidden to make any preparations on the body before the start of the competition.
- 4) Before the start of the competition, you can prepare your hairstyle, false eyelashes, contact lenses, nipple covers, etc...
- 5) The application of special effects is permitted, but this must be done during the painting process. Attaching prosthetics before the start of the competition is prohibited.
- 6) Shoes are allowed if they stay below the knee.
- 7) Assistants are not allowed (only help with hairstyling, brush cleaning, water changes, etc.). If any member of the organization notices two people painting the same model, the artist will be **disqualified** from the competition.
- 8) If the model feels unwell or faints, you must contact a member of the organization. The time the model needs to recover will be added to your painting time.
- 9) You must always follow the organization's instructions.
- 10) No stencils or transfer paper can be used to build the base of your project (e.g., tracing a face or a complete drawing). However, you can use stencils to enhance your entire creation as a finishing touch.
- 11) Alterations are possible after the presentation in front of the jury for the fashion show.
- 12) The number of places is limited to 25 participants
- 13) The jury's decision is final. No appeal is possible.

The program for Saturday, May 30 – Competition category (at the Imaginales in Epinal)

- 8:00 - 9:00: Registration of participants at reception and preparation of stands
- 9:00: Opening Ceremony
- 9:15 - 15:45: Bodypainting
- 15:50 - 17:30: Presentation of your body painting to the jury and photos (1pm: opening to the public)
- 18:45 - 19:30: Parade and awards ceremony
- 19:30: Group photo
- 21:00: Friendly meal (at the campsite)

The schedule may vary slightly depending on the number of participants in each category. We will inform all participants before the event.

The Distinctions

- 1st, 2nd, 3rd place in French Bodypainting Contest
- The Best French Artist
- The Best Model

Awards & Prizes

- Trophy
- Diploma
- Free registration for the next edition (only for 1st place)
- Superstar brand product bundle
- Gift certificate for the Les Couleurs du Vent shop
- Goodie bags from the Bodypainting France Meeting
- Imaginales Goodie Pack

CLASSIC CATEGORY

Don't panic! Participating in the competition is optional! If you don't want to compare yourself to others, you can come, as every year, to participate without pressure!

The classic category has been the foundation of the event for years. You have more freedom and more time to paint. However, we advise you to finish your body painting around 4:30 pm to take photos and enjoy the festival.

Assistants are allowed.

The program for Saturday, May 30 – Classical category (at the Imaginales in Epinal)

- 8:00 - 9:00: Registration of participants at reception and preparation of stands
- 9:00: Opening Ceremony
- 9:15 - 16:30: Body painting sessions (13:00: opening to the public)
- 16:30 - 18:00: Photos and Q&A with the public
- 18:15 - 18:45: Fashion Show at the Magic Mirror
- 19:30: Group photo
- 21:00: Friendly meal (at the campsite)

The schedule may vary slightly depending on the number of participants in each category. We will inform participants before the event.

SUNDAY, MAY 31

The joint project

Since its inception, the Bodypainting Meeting has placed great importance on creating collaborative projects (involving all artists) to produce a unique, living work of art. This year, we are offering you an extraordinary new collaborative project:

" Alter ego - Hero and Antihero "

This theme invites you to create an **iconic character** from popular culture (comics, video games, films, literature). Focus on embodying a figure that symbolizes power or corruption, Good or Evil.

The main objective is to create a **strong visual icon**. Participants can choose to work solo on a standalone character or **form a duo** to create the Protagonist and their Antagonist (e.g., **Jedi and Sith, Thor and Loki**), the two creations intended to form a coherent diptych.

⚠ Warning: Total Transformation

The goal is to **transform your model into a fully realized character** (including face makeup, hairstyle and painted-on fake clothes), not to paint isolated figurative elements on the body.

Let's create an unforgettable event together!

Assistants are allowed.

The program for Sunday, May 31st (at the Imaginales in Epinal)

- 9:00: Registration of participants at reception and preparation of stands
- 9:30 - 16:30: Bodypainting (13:00: open to the public)
- 16:30-17:30: Stroll through the park and take photos
- 17:30: Conference with Dany Sanz (creator of Make Up For Ever) in the Magic Mirror
- 18:00: Fashion show in the Magic Mirror

The schedule may vary slightly depending on the number of participants in each category. We will inform participants before the event.

The models

Each artist must paint only one model, found and brought by themselves. The model must be at least 18 years old. The model must wear at least a thong or a loincloth (the genitals and the intergluteal cleft must be covered). Nipple covers are not mandatory. This remains the artist's choice depending on their project.

Artist seeks model

If you have trouble finding a model, check the RBF 2025 Facebook group and/or the volunteer model list available here: <https://dub.sh/modeles-volontaires-RBF2026>

Model seeks artist

To participate in the Meeting as a model, you must have your own artist. If you wish to participate as a model but do not have an artist, you can submit your application using the form for models without artists available on the website: <https://dub.sh/devenir-modele-RBF2026>



The photographers

Dear photographers, this year we want to put you even more at the center of the Rencontre Bodypainting France.

Your perspective, creativity, and sensitivity are essential to making the event shine, and we want you to be able to experience it fully and freely.

We're ending the requirement for a pre-established partnership to give you more freedom. Your RBF Accreditation grants you backstage and studio access in exchange for your commitment to provide a minimum number of HD photos to the artists of your choice. Feel free to consult the list of participants to connect with artists.

The advantages for participating photographers

- Lunch provided and delivered to the event site
- Possibility to book convivial meals and accommodation
- Certificate of Participation
- Dedicated photo gallery published on our social media
- Exclusive encounters with artists and models
- Contact information and social media of the artists and models
- Access to the exclusive photo zone
- Exclusive access to the photocall
- Ability to direct the models during the sessions



The photographers' forum (New)

Exclusive interview with Kazim 2C

This is neither a course nor a lecture, but a time to talk about your experience , share your ideas and ask questions.

As an organizer, but also an artist and photographer, Kazim 2C understands the importance of your role and the challenges you face on the ground (light management, workspace, interaction with models, etc.).

On the agenda:

- Share your experience and your needs
- Discuss possible improvements for the future
- Together, we can create an event that is always better suited to your objectives.

The program for registered photographers

	Friday	SATURDAY	Sunday
9:00		Opening ceremony	
10:00		Backstage Photos	
11:00			The Photographers' Forum
12:00			Backstage Photos
13:00			
14:00			
15:00	Photoshoots with bodypainting models (Off Lake Bouzey)		
16:00		Photo shoots	Photo shoots
17:00			
18:00		Parade	Parade

Artists & Models: How to get photos?

Photographers registered for the Meeting participate as independent artists. Each photographer remains in control of their artistic choices, their time, and the works they wish to immortalize.

If, as an artist or model, you wish to ensure comprehensive photographic documentation of your creation, we strongly encourage you to:

- **Get in touch beforehand:** Check the list of participants and communicate with the photographers before or during the event to plan specific sessions with your model.
- **Invite your own collaborators:** You can suggest that a photographer you know officially register for the event. This will allow them to follow you throughout your creative process.

The stands

Each artist paints in a covered 3m x 3m booth. The booths are equipped with a table and two chairs. Feel free to decorate your booth! Electrical outlets are available (please only plug in one device at a time per artist), so bring an extension cord if needed. Consider bringing a heater.



The SUPERSTAR specialty products store

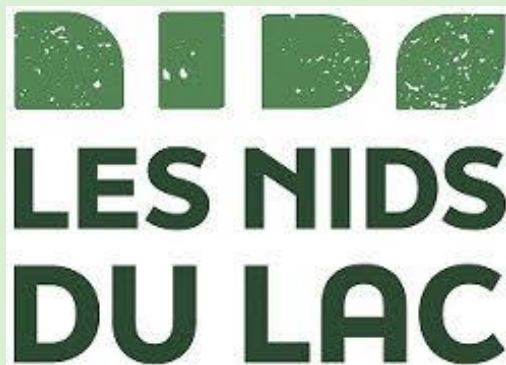
Superstar, the leading body art brand, is setting up a pop-up shop with attractive prices for all participants. Meet the designers and discover the products on-site before you buy.



Accommodation

Participants in the event have the option of staying overnight in a mobile home at the campsite from Thursday evening until Monday morning. The campsite is a 15-minute drive from Epinal.

This campsite features a large green area, a restaurant overlooking Lake Bouzey, and a large grocery store. The mobile homes are equipped with a shower and a kitchen. Each mobile home sleeps 2 to 5 people. Individual mobile homes are available subject to availability; please contact us directly by email for more information.



Upon arrival, please go to the reception desk of the Meeting for registration.

Arrival times at the campsite:

- Thursday, May 28th, from 3pm to 8pm
- Friday, May 29th, from 2pm to 8pm
- Saturday, May 30th, from 6pm to 8pm

Price per night and per person (breakfast included):

- Preferential rate (before April 30th):
 - €30 for a Mobile Home
 - €15 for campervan/tent
- Standard rate (after April 30):
 - €36 for a Mobile Home
 - €18 for campervan/tent

Bedding option (sheets provided for the stay) for €15 per bed

To book* you must use the form available on the website www.rencontre-bodypainting.fr in the "registrations" tab.

We advise each participant to choose this option. This allows everyone to stay together throughout the weekend for even more interaction, as it is difficult to find a hotel room during the festival.

*Maximum 5 people per accommodation. Forms are subject to approval. A correction may be required in case of non-compliance with the rules. The organization reserves the right to cancel any non-compliant application.

(A deposit of €80 per mobile home, or €20 per person, will be required for cleaning)



Meal

Breakfast

We provide the following in your mobile home:

- Instant coffee
- Tea
- Sugar

You will find the following at the reception of the Meeting:

- Fruit juice
- Bun
- Jam
- Chocolate powder
- Milk

- Dishwashing liquid
- Sponges
- Cleaning product

Thursday evening

On Thursday evening each participant brings their own meal to eat together around a table and a barbecue (provided for your cooking).

Friday evening

On Friday evening we suggest meeting at the campsite restaurant for a karaoke night.

Appetizer, starter, main course, dessert.

To be booked via the "meal" form

Saturday and Sunday at noon

Lunch on Saturday* is included in the registration fee for all participants **except assistants and accompanying persons**. It is a set menu from a bakery (sandwich, dessert, water, coffee). Meals for assistants and accompanying persons must be booked using the "Accommodation and Meals" form. This form also includes the booking form for the Saturday evening barbecue.

*All meals can be adapted for vegetarians; please specify this information in the "Meals and Accommodation" booking form. However, we are unable to provide gluten-free, lactose-free, or allergen-free meals. Participants with these dietary restrictions are advised to arrange their own meals.



Saturday night

On Saturday evenings we offer a new **fire pit option** provided by the campsite restaurant. It's a friendly meal in a warm atmosphere. During the meal, we also pass on the Bodypainting Meeting Totem and distribute certificates.

To be booked via the "meal" form

Only registered participants and their accompanying persons are allowed to participate in the Friday and Saturday evening meals.

Sunday evening

On Sunday evening, each participant prepares their own meal. However, leftovers from Saturday's meals will be available to everyone at the campsite.

Registrations

Beginner or experienced, amateur or professional, everyone is welcome! The Bodypainting Gathering isn't just for makeup artists. It's also a place for models, photographers, and hairstylists to connect and share ideas.

Registration procedure:

Fill out the registration form available on the website www.rencontre-bodypainting.fr under the "Registration" tab.

Then you can reserve your place in one of our workshops, as well as accommodation and meals.

During the registration process, **each participant is required to make a payment** to confirm and reserve their place (membership fee and administration fees, lunch). This amount is non-refundable.

1 day: €15
2 days: €30

Registration for the workshops is separate.



Registration deadline: [April 26, 2026](#)

Closing date for accommodation and meal reservations: [April 30, 2026](#)

Address

See you Saturday and Sunday at Imaginales.

Jardin le Cours
88000 Epinal

Parking access - Avenue Gambetta

Contact

The Pygmaliions

- Organization (general information, reception): 06 43 32 91 09, contact@rencontre-bodypainting.fr
- Accommodation and meal reservations, payments: 06 78 73 37 89, tresorerie@rencontre-bodypainting.fr
- Photo manager, photo@rencontre-bodypainting.com
- Bodypainting workshop, 06 43 32 91 09 contact@rencontre-bodypainting.fr

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