

**Clip Studio Paint sponsors Kodansha’s first global manga contest
“KMA AWARD: MANGAKA DISCOVERY”
– Supporting the next generation of storytellers**

Clip Studio Paint, the illustration, comic, webtoon, and animation app developed and distributed by Celsys, is sponsoring the KMA AWARD: MANGAKA DISCOVERY, a new comic contest hosted by Kodansha.

This contest calls manga talents of any nationality or experience level to submit their manga for an opportunity for professional debut. It is run as part of KODANSHA MANGA ACADEMY (KMA), an official global platform for manga creators operated by Kodansha.

Contest winners will receive a license for Clip Studio Paint, a painting app used in professional studios all over the globe.

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<https://manga-academy.kodansha.com/award/mangaka-discovery/>



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KMA AWARD: MANGAKA DISCOVERY marks Kodansha’s biggest ever search for new global talent. Based on the strong belief that “potential, not perfection, is the key to success,” artists of any experience level and nationality are encouraged to apply. Editors from Kodansha’s seven comic editorial departments will consider all entries and judge them for their potential to be professionally serialized.

KODANSHA MANGA ACADEMY

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KMA AWARD: MANGAKA DISCOVERY

- Application deadline: April 20, 12:00 – July 22, 23:59 (Japan time)
- Application page: <https://manga-academy.kodansha.com/award/mangaka-discovery/>

● Application Guidelines

Open to: All creators worldwide (no experience required)

Entries: An original manga (8–60 pages), written in English or Japanese

Entry fee: Free

● Judging Panel

Editors from across Kodansha's comic editorial departments will participate as judges to discover a wide variety of talent.

● Prizes

Grand Prize

- 300,000 JPY cash prize
- Invitation to award ceremony to be held in Tokyo (travel and accommodation expenses covered by Kodansha)
- Winning manga published on Kodansha's digital manga platforms "K MANGA" and "Comic DAYS"
- Assigned an editor in charge (A Kodansha editor will be assigned as an exclusive creative partner to support the production free of charge)

- Bonus: Clip Studio Paint EX Dual-device Plan (2 years)

Encouragement Prize

- Assigned an editor in charge

Top 100 shortlisted artists

- Individual feedback from Kodansha comic editorial departments

See below for more information on the KMA AWARD: MANGAKA DISCOVERY

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About Clip Studio Paint

Used by over 60 million people (*) worldwide, Clip Studio Paint is a creative app for the production of illustrations, comics, webtoons, and animations. The app is available on Windows, macOS, iPad, iPhone, and Android, so creators can use it on whatever device they own. Known for its natural drawing feel and plentiful features, Clip Studio Paint is supported by illustrators, comic artists, and animators, and used by beginners and industry professionals alike.

Clip Studio Paint Official site: <https://www.clipstudio.net/>

X: <https://x.com/clipstudiopaint>

YouTube: <https://www.youtube.com/CLIPSTUDIOPAINTchannel>

Instagram: <https://www.instagram.com/clipstudioofficial/>

TikTok: <https://www.tiktok.com/@clipstudioofficial>

*Includes free trial users and downloads of the iPad, iPhone, Galaxy, Android, and Chromebook versions.

About CELSYS, Inc.

Celsys provides tools such as Clip Studio Paint to support creators in the creator economy that is expanding through the creation and use of digital content. We are also providing new service platforms that act as a new avenue for creators' activities. We look toward a more vibrant world where everyone's passions are connected, by offering total support to creators around the world through each part of their "creator journey".

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