Bologna Children's Book Fair Illustrators Exhibition 2025

Category: Illustration

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The Bologna Children's Book Fair Illustrators Exhibition is a cornerstone event in the global children's publishing industry, attracting top talent from around the world. Established in 1967, the exhibition has grown into an unparalleled platform for illustrators, both established and emerging, to showcase their work to an international audience of publishers, agents, and other industry professionals. The exhibition is renowned for setting trends in children's illustration, offering a glimpse into the creative processes that shape the visuals in children's literature.

Each year, the exhibition features a carefully curated selection of works by illustrators from diverse backgrounds. These works are chosen by an esteemed international jury, which evaluates thousands of submissions based on creativity, originality, and artistic quality. The selected illustrations are not only displayed during the Bologna Children's Book Fair, but they also embark on a two-year world tour, providing unparalleled exposure to the artists. This extensive tour includes stops at various international venues, ensuring that the illustrators' work reaches a global audience.

Participation in the Bologna Illustrators Exhibition is highly coveted, as it provides artists with significant opportunities for career advancement. Being featured in the exhibition not only enhances an illustrator's visibility within the industry but also offers valuable networking opportunities. The illustrators' works are published in the prestigious Illustrators Annual, a widely circulated publication that reaches key stakeholders in the publishing world. This exposure often leads to new collaborations, book deals, and other professional opportunities, solidifying the exhibition's role as a vital platform for illustrators seeking to make their mark on the global stage.

Entry fee: €22 (+ VAT if applicable).

Eligibility

Illustrators born before December 31, 2007, are eligible, including both published and unpublished artists.

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Selected illustrators will have their works featured at the prestigious Bologna Children's Book Fair, included in the

Illustrators Annual, and displayed during the fair and on a subsequent global tour. This exhibition offers immense visibility and the chance to connect with publishers and professionals in the industry.