

# Competition: No Words Comics

## Goals

This competition is targeted exclusively towards the creation of "silent comics". The term "Silent comics" refers to comics that do not make use of any written language for its storytelling, neither for dialogues nor captions, using only visual devices for its narrative. The only exception is the use of onomatopoeia to represent sounds and noises, as long as these are not fundamental for the comprehension of the story.

## Who can participate

The competition is open to comic artists of all nationalities and background from 14 years old, without age limit.

## Entry procedures

The competition theme is free.

No entry fee is required.

The works can be collective.

The works can range from a minimum of one and a maximum of 16 pages.

Entry works can be created in black&white or colour and using whichever technique, including digital, as long as they are static (not animated) and reproducible by means of printing.

**The comics must be unpublished and intellectual property of the author/s.**

It is strictly forbidden to injure any third party copyright. The Jury and the organisers have the right to exclude from the competition any works which do not comply with the entry regulations. The author/s dismiss the organisers of any responsibility regarding the works in competition.

## Sending procedures

**Works must reach the organising committee within and not after the 15<sup>th</sup> August 2009,** accompanied by the entry form; the works must be sent in a adequate packaging, the organisers take no

responsibility for damages that may occur during the shipping process. Postal fees are to be payed by the author/s.

Please follow these instructions for the shipping (addresses differ according to the shipping methods):

1. pre-paid with ordinary, priority or registered mail (except SDA or pack with cod shipment) to the address: Cineclub Bolzano, cassella postale 91 agenzia Bolzano 5, 39100 Bolzano, Italy;
2. prepaid Express delivery (SDA, TNT, BARTOLINI, FED-EX, UPS, DHL ecc.) should be sent to this address: Cineclub Bolzano, via Roen 6, 39100 Bolzano, Italy.

Send three copies of every page, making sure the copy is a faithful representation of the original. The size and the chromatic scale should be the same as the original. These copies will not be returned.

**You must send only a copy of the works, not the original. Therefore, unrequested originals will not be returned.**

By sending your works you entitle the organisers to display and reproduce the works for the contest and the related Festival, this includes reproducing the works in a printed catalogue (anthology) and displaying them in an exhibition.

The organisers will not modify your work in any way.

## **Selection and Jury**

Twenty comics will be selected for the Jury to evaluate. The Jury will be composed by comic and art professionals. The final verdict of the Jury is unquestionable. In the event that the Jury should find that none of the works meet the minimum quality necessary, no award will be given.

The results of the contest will be published on the website [www.bolzanocomics.it](http://www.bolzanocomics.it).

## **Awards ceremony**

The winners will be awarded during the *Bolzano Short Film Festival 2009*. The date will soon be available on the website [www.bolzanocomics.it](http://www.bolzanocomics.it). The *Bolzano Short Film Festival* will take place from 11<sup>th</sup> to 15<sup>th</sup> November 2009.

The winners of the first and second prize will be notified in advance.

The winner of the first prize will receive a cash award of 500 Euro and the winner of the second prize will receive a cash award of 200 Euro. Special mentions can be assigned by the Jury.

## **The Exhibition**

The twenty comics selected for the Jury will be exhibited at the *Museo Gallery* (Museo street – Bolzano) as a parallel event to the the *Bolzano Short Film Festival 2009*, from 10<sup>th</sup> to 21<sup>th</sup> November 2009.

For this event, if you have been selected, you must send the originals of the comics.  
Should the comics be a digital work, you must provide high quality prints for the exhibition at your own expenses. When sending your works please add stamps for the return shipping.

**If the return postage is not included or not sufficient, the works will not be sent back.**

## **Anthology**

The author/s authorise the organisers to use their work in a printed anthology. The format will be 17x24 cm, (portrait format).

## **Further information**

By signing the entry form the author/s acknowledge and accept the entire Regulations.

**The Organising Committee has no responsibility concerning loss or material damages to the comics due to acts of god.**

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