

2nd International City of Badalona–Caixa Laietana International Comic Award for comic strips

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Nautilus Comunicació i Cultura is organising the International City of Badalona–Caixa Laietana International Comic Award for comic strips together with Badalona City Council and Caixa Laietana, which can be entered by professional authors or enthusiasts from all over the world:

1. Comic strips by enthusiasts and professionals from all over the world, who are of legal age, can be entered in the International City of Badalona–Caixa Laietana International Comic Award. There will be a single prize of 3,000 euros (minus income tax) and the winning work will be published in one of the daily publications of the El Punt group. This sum will include copyright and royalties for the publication of the work.

2. To enter it will be necessary to present 10 comic strips in black and white with a common nexus: For example: the leading characters, a serialised plot, a recurring theme... Each of the strips may have its own conclusion, or they may form a serialised story all together. The works must be strictly unpublished; this means they may not, either wholly or partially, have previously been published on any form of support: either on paper (magazines, newspapers, books...) or electronically (websites, blogs or the Internet in general). The works may be in any graphic style and/or treatment of the genre, considering that they are going to be published in a newspaper in black and white.

3. Each of the strips will measure 737 pixels wide by 153 pixels high (26 cm x 5,4 cm, 72 pp). They must be presented all together in a single document, in .jpg format in the following size: 900 pixels wide by 2,000 pixels high. The strips must be finished and retouched. The texts may be written in Catalan, Spanish, English or French. Because of its international nature, the only way of taking part in this competition is by remote data transfer. Anyone wishing to enter must carry out a formal electronic registration process established for the purpose from 14 april on the website <http://www.nautiluscomunicacio.com/concurscomic/>. Entry is free of charge. The organisers urge contestants to formalise their entries as soon as possible.

Once each contestant has completed the work making up the competition entry, he/she may upload it to the aforementioned website, using the access key that will be obtained on registration.

If contestants have any queries about the online registration process or about how to upload the file, they can contact the organisers via the e-mail address info@nautiluscomunicacio.com.

4. Contestants may send in their works by remote data transfer until 14 october 2011. No further work will be accepted after that date.

5. The prize will be awarded by a jury consisting of a recognised professional from the world of comics, a representative of APIC, a representative of FICOMIC, a representative of the Badalona City Council Department of Culture, a representative of the Ministry of Culture of the Government of Catalonia, a representative of the sponsor, a representative of the newspaper and a representative of Nautilus Comunicació i Cultura. A secretary with the right to speak but not vote will take the minutes and act as spokesperson for the jury's decision. The verdict will be published in The Night of the comic that will be celebrated in November, 2011. The award may not be declared void and there will be no special mentions unless the jury sees fit.

6. The winning strips will be published in one of the daily publications of the El Punt group over ten successive days. A catalogue will also be published with the winning work and a selection of works which the jury has considered interesting. In order to ensure the quality of the reproduction of the works, the organisers reserve the right to ask for the original to be handed over for this use, or for any other that may be agreed with the authors. The published authors will share 25% (corresponding to 15% for the winning author and the remaining 10% distributed among the other authors) of the net sales of the catalogue in the year of publication, in case it puts to the sale. The authors will submit to the editorial and design criteria established for the publication of the

catalogue. The winning work and all those the jury considers to be interesting will also be publicised on the Internet.

7. Nautilus Comunicació i Cultura accepts no responsibility for the authenticity of the works or for the information given by the participants. Nautilus Comunicació i Cultura reserves the right to use and reproduce the works exclusively for the purpose of promoting the award and the possibility of exhibiting the works presented.

8. Nautilus Comunicació i Cultura will have first refusal when it comes to negotiating other uses for the strips presented not included in the competition rules.

9. Participation in the competition implies full acceptance of these rules.

