

COMIC/GRAPHIC-NOVEL CONTEST – THEME: TOLERANCE

The new Comic/Graphic Novel Prize of the Lutheran Mediahouse in Bavaria (Evangelischer Presseverband für Bayern e.V. / EPV), to be awarded in May 2013 at the Munich Comic Festival, has been launched with a purse of 5,000 Euros. The international contest is announced in three categories. Professionals and amateurs can enter graphic novels and comics on the theme of “Tolerance” through 26 April 2013. The nominated works will be presented in an exhibition in Munich’s St. Mark’s Church from 31 May until 2 June 2013. Afterwards the exhibition will tour through Germany for two years – including in 2014 at the Erlangen International Comic Salon.

“Tolerance is respect, acceptance and appreciation of the rich diversity of our world's cultures, our forms of expression and ways of being human.”

Thus Article I of the UNESCO Declaration. With the 2013 Gramic Prize, artists who take clear-cut positions on the theme of tolerance in their comics, stories and graphic novels will be honoured. What does freedom of conscience look like today? Is a non-violent approach possible? How do matters stand with human rights in our society? Where do we encounter tolerance?

The contest is being held on the occasion of the Luther Decade, with 2013 dedicated to the theme of “Reformation and Tolerance.” It evokes the 31st of October, 1517, when Martin Luther issued his 95 Theses against the abuse of selling indulgences. Luther was convinced that faith and conscience are inherently free. Luther’s celebrated nailing of his theses on the door of the Wittenberg Palace Church is seen as the start of the Reformation. This deed set off a global movement that influenced people, not only in Germany but also in Europe and America, and left its traces around the world.

The Gramic Contest calls upon illustrators, graphic and comic artists to take a critical approach to the legacy of the Reformation and to find their own answers to the question of what tolerance means - or should mean - today. Individual narratives, sketches of new projects as well as completed works can be submitted.

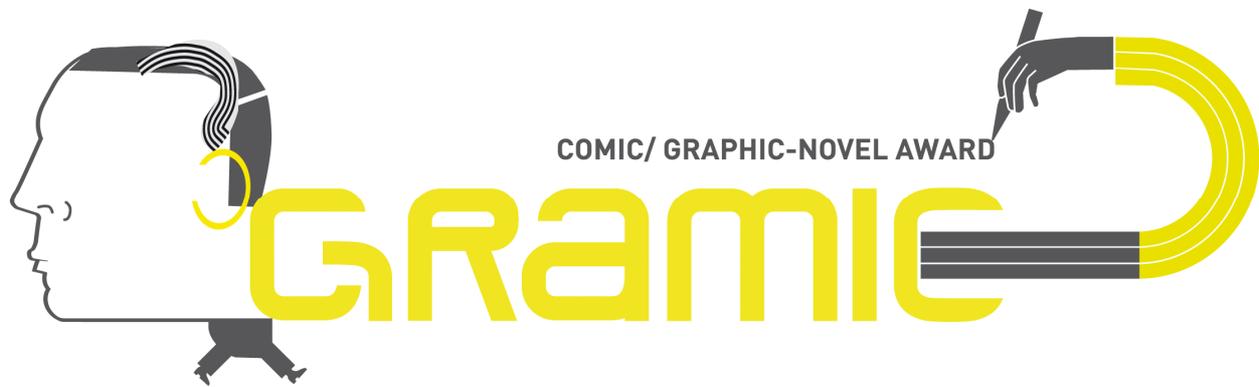
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The contest deadline for entries is Friday, 26 April 2013. The winners will be announced at an award ceremony at the Munich Comic Festival. The contest’s patron is the Munich city deacon Barbara Kittelberger.

The Gramic Prize is sponsored by the Evangelische Presseverband für Bayern e.V.. Contest partners include the Munic Comic Festival, the Evangelical-Lutheran Church in Bavaria and the weekly newspaper “Sonntagsblatt.”

For additional information, please click here: www.gramic.de

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CONDITIONS FOR PARTICIPATION

DEADLINE:

Friday, 26 April 2013 (postmark date)

FORM:

Graphic novels and comics (multiple-image narratives).

IDENTIFICATION:

Your name, address, telephone number, e-mail and date of birth on the back of each page.

Digital entries in PDF format only (ALL images in ONE document) with the document designation Last Name_First Name_Category and your complete address.

FORMAT & NUMBER OF PAGES:

Format max. A3. Excerpt 4-6 pages (i.e. including excerpts from a planned, partially realised or completed project).

SHIPPING:

Via postal service: envelopes, no rolls. Return postage stamps or 6 Euros. In the event of too little return postage, your work will not be returned and will be kept for a maximum of one year.

Via Internet (dropbox / cloud services).

CATEGORIES:

Category I: age 18 and older – for adults and professionals

Category II: ages 13 through 17 – for next-generation artists

Category III: through age 12 – for children

SCHOOL CLASSES / GROUPS:

Please include a list with participants' names and data and the school's / group's data.

EXHIBITION:

The nominated works will be exhibited in Munich's St. Mark's Church. Afterwards the exhibition will tour through Germany, including in 2014 at the Erlangen International Comic Salon.

LEGAL GRANT:

The participant consents to having his or her entry shown in a travelling exhibition as part of the contest, as well as to having it published without remuneration in a catalogue and in multiple-media coverage. With his/her entry, the participant consents to the conditions of the contest. Recourse to legal action is excluded.

PRIZES:

The jury will award one prize per category. Cash prizes totalling 5,000 Euros and non-cash prizes will be awarded. The award ceremony will be held during the Munich Comic Festival (31 May - 2 June 2013).

SEND ENTRIES TO:

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