

As part of the 20th Treviso Comic Book Festival edition (TCBF 2023), the *Fumetti in Treviso* association announces the **International Contest for New Comic Authors 2023**, created in collaboration with *Banca Prealpi San Biagio Credito Cooperativo*.

The Contest addresses all beginner comic authors of legal age who want to test their skills and try to create a comic story. It is possible to participate both alone or as a group of artists.

In order to participate in the contest, each participant (or group of participants) is required to submit a comic story about this year's theme. Stories and characters in the submitted comic story can be both fictional or based on real people and events.

The International Contest for New Comic Authors 2023's theme is **Light Things**.

By submitting their comic story to the International Contest for New Comic Authors 2023, participants agree to the terms and conditions listed below.

The contest rules are available for downloading at the following website: [www.tcbf.it](http://www.tcbf.it).

## TERMS AND CONDITIONS

### 1. ELIGIBILITY

a) The competition is open exclusively to Italian and foreign beginner authors who are 18 years old by the 3rd September 2023

Beginner comic author is to be intended as a person who as such:

- ▶ does not have employment contracts in the field of comic's drawing or writing
- ▶ has never been published with national and/or international publishers (so none of his/hers works can be associated with an ISBN).
- ▶ has never been published in newspapers or magazines

On the other hand, students from comics schools and authors who collaborate with fanzines or self-productions are admitted.

b) Participants from previous editions of the TCBF New Comics Authors competition promoted by *Associazione Fumetti in Treviso* are admitted.

c) Works that are the result of the collaboration of several people (*ex. comic artist, writer, inker, colourist*) are allowed.

However, all participants must comply with the requirements of point 1a).

d) Entry to the competition is free.

e) It is not allowed to publish the comic or parts of it, in paper, digital or social media form, until the announcement of the winners on 1st October 2023.

### 2. TECHNICAL INFORMATION

a) The artwork must be a comic story of a minimum of 2 and a maximum of 4 pages, and has to be submitted in the digital PDF format.

b) Participants have full artistic freedom in the interpretation of the theme as well as in the choice of drawing techniques and colouring styles. The submitted artwork can be black and white or in colour.

c) The text of the comic strips must be either in Italian or English.

d) The stories and characters must be absolutely unpublished. In order to avoid disqualification, the artwork must be an original piece, completed solely by the participants.

### 3. CONTEST THEME

The contest theme is **Light things**.

### 4. HOW TO APPLY

In order to participate, the authors must:

a) **Fill in the online registration form** at the following [link](#). Teams made up of several people must identify a team representative, who will be the only one to fill out the form for all participants.

b) **Upload the privacy policy PDF document**, filled out and signed, in the appropriate section of the form. You can download the document [here](#).

In teams made up of several people, the team representative will be responsible for uploading the privacy information, filled out and signed, of all members of his group.

c) **Share the artwork in PDF** in the appropriate section of the form via non-expirable links.

ex. YES - Google Drive (Make sure the link provided guarantees editing rights)

YES - Dropbox

NO - Wettransfer

NO - Desktop path (C:\Users\Desktop\TCBF23)

The comic pages must be combined in a single PDF, named with **Name\_Surname** (Example: "Maria\_Rossi.pdf") or **Name\_of\_the\_Collective** (Example: "Collettivo\_Gattopardo.pdf"). The size of the PDF file must not exceed 1.5 Mb.

**Deadline for submission is 3rd September 2023 (CEST). All the above steps must be fulfilled correctly no later than 11:59 pm (CEST) on that day. Submissions after this date will not be considered.**

## 5. SELECTION OF WINNERS AND AWARDS

The award ceremony of the International Contest for New Writers TCBF 2023 will take place during the *Carlo Boscarato Award* ceremony on the 1st October 2023. The list of winners and all the information regarding the contest will be posted on the website [www.tcbf.it](http://www.tcbf.it).

The following awards are foreseen for the winners:

a) **first prize € 500**

**second prize € 300**

**third prize € 200**

(If a prize is awarded to a group, it's up to the group itself to decide how to divide the prize)

b) The featuring and promotion on TCBF's social media accounts.

Special mentions could happen and they will be communicated during the award ceremony. The mentioned artworks will be featured and promoted on TCBF's social media accounts along with the winners' ones.

## 6. PANEL OF JUDGES

The acceptance of the works, the selection and awarding is exclusive competence of the appointed jury. The Jury's decision is final and unappealable.

The appointed jury will be composed of:

- ▶ **Francesca Ciregia** (*Marvel*, *Sergio Bonelli Editore* and *Star Comics* artist)
- ▶ **Massimiliano Clemente** (*Tunué* editorial director)
- ▶ **Lorenzo Ghetti** (*Coconino Press*, *Saldapress*, *Rulez* author and scriptwriter)
- ▶ **Agnese Innocente** (*Il Castoro* and *Il Battello a Vapore* author and artist)
- ▶ **Alberto Polita** (TCBF director)
- ▶ **Valeria Righete** (*Tralerighete* and *Fumettologica* journalist, TCBF staff)
- ▶ **Emanuele Tenderini** (*Tatai Lab*, *Les Humanoïdes Associés*, *Delcourt*, *Le Lombard*, *Sergio Bonelli Editore* artist and colorist)
- ▶ **Greta Xella** (*Bao Publishing* and *Tatai Lab* author)

## 7. COPYRIGHTS

By participating in the competition, the authors grant the right to reproduce the works by press and / or other tools of communication for promotional purposes of the competition, without having anything to claim as copyright for a period of five years.

The *Fumetti in Treviso* association is committed to always mentioning the legitimate author. The rights to the work remain the property of the respective authors.

Participation in the competition implies full acceptance of these Regulations expressly authorizes the TCBF to process personal data transmitted pursuant to the Code regarding the protection of personal data (GDPR 2016/679/EU), also for the purpose of inclusion in databases, for the conduct of the competition.

## 8. INFORMATIONS

For further information write to: [apply@tcbf.it](mailto:apply@tcbf.it).

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