"God Tammuz, Myth of the Seasons" ...Sacred and Profane"



» Introduction

Once again we wish to focus on this fairy-tale world in proposing the 2009 edition of the competition entitled «Il Bosco Stregato» (The Enchanted Wood). Certain innovations have been made with respect to the past.

» Regulations

- Art. 1 Solstizio d' Estate Onlus is organizing the International Competition, open to everyone, «Il Bosco Stregato»:
 - a) Unpublished Ex Libris on the theme: "The God Tammuz, Myth of the Seasons"

 In the ancient Babylon the God Tammuz represented youth, prosperity and the mystery of life when it awakes, in spring, after the long winter sleep. His fulfilment is his faithful wife Istar, goddess of love and life.

 Tammuz attacked by a boar, dies and the beautiful Istar descends to Hell to claim her husband back.
 - b) Published Ex Libris on the theme: "Sacred and Profane"
 - c) Unpublished short stories in Italian on the theme: "The God Tammuz, Myth of the Seasons" The most outstanding novels will be put into music by the Valsesia Musica Association.
 - d) Sculptures inspired by the theme "Sacred and Profane"
- Art. 2 All techniques will be accepted for the Ex Libris and sculptures.
- Art. 3 The Unpublished Ex Libris must be dedicated to Solstizio d'Estate. Every artist may enter a maximum of three works. Three signed copies of each Ex Libris are to be sent, and the first name, last name and address of the artist, the technique and the year of execution are to appear on the back of each work. Attach a brief biographical profile, address and e-mail address.
- Art. 4 The works may be no larger than 14x10 cm The paper may be no larger than 18x24 cm.
- Art. 5 The works, belonging to a), which are adjudged to be the best shall be awarded the following prizes: 1^{st} : € 800,00 2^{nd} : € 700,00 3^{rd} : € 600,00 4^{th} : € 500,00.
- Art. 6 The winners of the prizes, for the works belonging to the unpublished category, shall be required to have 15 copies of the work.
- Art. 7 Every artist will be allowed to participate with more works inspired by the theme "Sacred and Profane". Each artist may enter with more works on the theme "Sacred and Profane". Any technique is accepted, except drawings and photocopies. One signed copy of each Ex Libris must be sent, and the first name, last name and address of the artist, the technique, the year of execution and the title are to appear on the back of each work. Attach a brief biographical profile, address and e-mail address.
- Art. 8 The works, belonging to b), which are adjudged to be the best shall be awarded the following prizes: 1^{st} : € 300,00 2^{nd} : € 200,00 3^{rd} : € 150,00.
- Art. 9 The winners of the prizes are required to provide 10 Ex Libris, which may also be works published previously.
- Art. 10 The short stories in Italian Language must not exceed 5 pages for a total of 8,000 characters, and must be sent on a data storage medium (Floppy Disk or CD-ROM, in MS Word format) and in hard copy. Attach: first name, last name and address of the author, a brief curriculum vitae and an e-mail address.
- **Art. 11** The works which are adjudged to be the best shall be awarded the following prizes: 1st: € 250,00 2nd: € 200,00 3rd: € 150,00.
- **Art. 12 –** Sculpture prizes: 1^{st} : € 400,00 2^{nd} : € 300,00 3^{rd} : € 250,00.
- Art. 13 The Jury's decision will be final.
- Art. 14 The works must be received by 30 March 2009 at the address:
 - Solstizio d'Estate Onlus Via Lupiano 7–12050 BOSIA (CN) Italy.
- **Art. 15** A catalog or DVD will be printed and sent to each participating artist on request at their expense.
- Art. 16 Participation in this Competition implies full acceptance of these regulations.
- **Art.** 17 The works will remain the property of Solstizio d'Estate Onlus, and will not be returned.
- Art. 18 The awards ceremony and the inauguration of the exhibition will be on **Sunday 6th September 2009**.

The Competition was presented at a press conference during the XXI Edition of the Turin Book Fair 2008.

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