

26th BIENNIAL OF ILLUSTRATIONS BRATISLAVA 2017

The opening ceremony for the 26th edition of the Biennial of Illustrations Bratislava (BIB) 2017 will take place in the historical building of the Slovak National Theatre in Bratislava on 8 September 2017. The venue of the BIB competition and other representative exhibitions **for the first time ever will be the Slovak National Museum**, Vajanského nábrežie No. 2. Hotel TATRA will host the International Press Conference on BIB 2017 on 8 September and the BIB International Symposium on 9-10 September 2017. The design of the premises for BIB 2017 was made by D&D Studio.

At the biennial, besides the competition and exhibition of the original illustrations for children's books, we traditionally introduce the winner of the previous edition of the Grand Prix BIB and the 2016 H. C. Andersen laureates for illustration and literature. We will introduce the collection of illustrations by **Laura Carlin**, who won the Grand Prix BIB 2015 for her illustrations. We will also present the works by **Rotraut Suzanne Berner** from Germany who won the 2016 H. C. Andersen Award for illustrations. Alongside an exhibition of the original illustrations by the winning authors there will also be a display of the book publications and text about the laureate of the 2016 H. C. Andersen Award for literature, **Cao Wenxuan** from China. A novelty will be a presentation of the collection of awarded illustrations from the NAMI CONCOURS competition in South Korea.

The biennial, alongside the exhibitions in the House of Art also organizes accompanying exhibitions in international cultural institutes as well as in several Bratislava galleries. BIBIANA, the International House of Culture for Children, will house an exhibition of works by a young Slovak illustrator, **Veronika Klímová**, who won the Mayor of the Capital City Bratislava Award at BIB 2015. We also are preparing the exhibition **Migrations** in cooperation with University of Worcester (United Kingdom).

Presentations do not mark the end of BIB. The International Jury, consisting of book culture experts from various countries, will first decide on the BIB awards (Grand Prix, 5 Golden Apples, 5 Plaques and an Honorary Mention to a publisher), followed by a meeting of the International Committee and the BIB International Symposium. The theme for this year's symposium is: "Art versus Commerce. The role of artistic illustrations in today's world of commerce. Original and unconventional strategies by illustrators" The symposium will be facilitated again by art historian Mgr. Viera Anoškinová. A Book of Miscellanies that includes a picture supplement will be prepared, as usual, after the end of the biennial.

A week-long international working seminar, the BIB-UNESCO Albín Brunovsky Workshop is an indispensable component of BIB and will take place following the end of the symposium. This year the venue of the workshop is the mansion in Mojmírovce pri Nitre. The workshop will be conducted by an important Slovak illustrator, **Juraj Martiška**. The topic of the workshop is **folk fairy tales**. The original illustrations created during the workshop will be included in the promotional catalogue and presented at local and international exhibitions.

Mgr. Viera Anoškinová
Head of the BIB Secretariat

3.9. – 6.9.2017 - meeting of the BIB 2017 International Jury, The Slovak National Museum, Vajanského nábrežie 2

4.9. – 30.9.2017 – exhibition *Slovak Illustrators Who Won BIB 1967–2015 Awards*, Hviezdoslavovo námestie, Bratislava

5.9.2017 (Tuesday) – meeting of the Children's Jury for BIB 2017

5.9.2017 (Tuesday) – *Igor Piačka – Illustrations*. Typo&Ars Galéria, Roľnícka 349, Vajnory Bratislava city part. Exhibition takes place till 19.11.2017

5. 9 . 2017 (Tuesday), 16. 00 - Opening ceremony for the exhibition Emilia Dziubak, illustrations, Poľský inštitút, Nám. SNP 27. Exhibition takes place till 11. 9. 2017

07.09.2017 (Thursday), 16.00 – Opening ceremony for the *Migrations* exhibition, BIBIANA, International House of Art for Children, Panská ul. 41

07.09.2017 (Thursday), 16.00 – Opening ceremony for the exhibition *Deep Sea Tales*, BIBIANA, International House of Art for Children, Panská ul. 41

08.09.2017 (Friday), 10.00 – International press conference, Tatra Hotel, Námestie 1. mája 5

08.09.2017 (Friday), 12.30 – Meeting of the BIB International Committee, Tatra Hotel, Námestie 1. mája 5

08.09.2017 (Friday), 17.00 – BIB 2017 opening ceremony, presenting awards to illustrators. The historical building of the Slovak National Theatre, Hviezdoslavovo nám.

08.09.2017 (Friday), 17.00 – Christening ceremony for the BIB 2017 stamp. In cooperation with POFIS and Slovak Post. The historical building of the Slovak National Theatre, Hviezdoslavovo nám.

BIB accompanying exhibitions in the House of Art:

- Exhibition of works by Grand Prix 2015 winner, Laura Carlin, United Kingdom;
- Exhibition of works by H.C. Andersen Award laureate for literature, Cao Wenxuan, China;
- Exhibition of works by H.C. Andersen Award laureate for illustration, Rotraut Suzanne Berner, Germany;
- Exhibition of Slovak illustrator, Svetozár Mydlo
- awarded illustrations from the NAMI CONCOURS 2017 competition in South Korea

9.9.2017 (Saturday) 10:00 - 18:00 BIB 2017 International Symposium, Tatra Hotel, Námestie 1. mája 5

10.9.2017 (Sunday) 10:00 - 12:00 BIB 2017 International Symposium, Tatra Hotel, Námestie 1. mája 5

10.9.–15.9.2017 BIB – UNESCO Albín Brunovsky Workshop, Mojmírovce Mansion

15.9.2017 (Friday) – Opening ceremony for exhibition of the works produced at Albín Brunovsky Workshop

5. 10. 2017 (Thursday) 18:00 Opening ceremony for the exhibition
The rule and the game: a sensory reading lab - Kasárne Kulturpark Košice
Exhibition takes place till 26. 11.2017