

A century of comic stories at the MUG - Museo Giannini

INTERNATIONAL COMICS COMPETITION

"Latina: Un Secolo di Storie"



To mark the **Centenary of the founding of the city of Latina (1932-2032)**, the MUG-Museo Giannini di Latina, with its Spazio Eventi, is organising the **"Latina: Un Secolo di Storie"/ "Latina: A Century of Stories"** comic strip competition aimed at celebrating the history, culture and future of the city through the art of comics. The competition is under the Moral Patronage of the Municipality of Latina and will be held annually, accompanying the seven years between its first edition and the centenary. Competitors are called upon to compete each year with a specific theme inspired by the history of the city of Latina, significant events, symbolic places or characters (historical, mythological or imaginary) linked to the area.

Aims of the Competition

The competition aims to promote the creativity and artistic expression of the participants, stimulating reflection on the past, present and future of the city of Latina. The theme for the first edition of the competition is **"Latina, City of Waters"**. Water plays a key role for the city of Latina, from its birth with the Land Reclamation, to the natural beauty of coastlines, lakes and gardens, to the reinterpretation of the theme in a context of climate crisis (in the multiple forms of pollution, flooding, water crisis, and much more). Participants are asked to freely confront this theme, creating stories that can be set in the past, in the present or in a futuristic vision of the city and its surroundings.

Participation requirements

The competition is open to all illustrators, cartoonists and aspiring cartoonists who are at least 18 years old on the competition date. It is possible to participate individually or in a group (in which case a contact person must be designated).

Characteristics of works

- Each participant may only submit one work.
- Stories must be unpublished and original, self-contained and have a title.
- The format of the work must be A3.

- The story must consist of a minimum of 1 panel and a maximum of 3 panels.
- All drawing techniques (traditional, digital, mixed) are accepted.
- The comic strip can be in black and white or in colour.
- The text, if present, must be in Italian.

How to participate

In order to participate in the competition, applicants must send as an attachment

- Tables in high resolution (300 dpi) PDF or jpg format.
- Title and brief description of the work (max. 500 words). Also specify the technique(s) used and, in the case of group participation, add at the end of the description the name of the participants with their specific contribution to the creation of the work.
- A form with personal data (name, surname, telephone number, e-mail) and, in case of group participation, the contact person's data.

Works must be sent no later than **13 June** to the e-mail address: mugcomiqlatina@gmail.com with the subject "International Comics Competition Latina: Un Secolo di Storie".

Awards

A jury also composed of experts in the comics sector will evaluate the works on the basis of criteria of originality, artistic quality, quality of the script and relevance to the theme. 10 works will be selected and will be exhibited at the MUG event space in the city of Latina from 28 June 2025 to 06 July 2025 during the event dedicated to the MUG's birthday (7 years on 30 June 2025), which is also the date of the laying of the city's foundation stone (30 June 1932). On 05 July 2025, the three winners of the competition will be revealed. The prizes will be divided as follows:

- **First prize:** 1.000 €
- **Second prize:** 500 €
- **Third prize:** 200 € in art materials

The winner of the first prize will also be involved in the design of the image for the second edition of the award. On the occasion of the Centenary celebrations (30 June 2032), the first three works selected during the different competitions, starting from the first one, will again be exhibited to the public.

Acceptance of the contest rules

Participation in the competition implies acceptance of these rules and regulations in their entirety. The authors remain the copyright holders of the submitted works, but authorise the MUG to publish and disseminate them as part of the promotional activities related to the competition and the centenary.

The organisation reserves the right to shorten, extend, modify or cancel one or more editions of the International Comics Competition if circumstances require it or in the event of force majeure: it cannot be held responsible in this case.

Contact

For further information, you can contact the MUG at the e-mail address: mugcomiqlatina@gmail.com and visit the website www.museogiannini.it