

# Grand Prix Città di Lugano 2027

## 1. Introduction and Goals

InnovaComiX Lugano International Comic Art Festival organises and promotes the **Grand Prix Città di Lugano**.

The goal is to recognise the best comic books and the best illustration published worldwide each year, as well as their creators, regardless of nationality, publication format or distribution method.

- **Exhibition:** All nominated works will be featured in a group exhibition hosted by the Festival.
- **Audience Award:** During the exhibition, a special prize will be awarded based on visitors' votes.
- **Hospitality:** All winners of the Cygne d'Argent will be invited to the Festival as guests, with all expenses covered by the Organisation.

## 2. Award Categories

The Grand Prix Città di Lugano includes the following awards  
**CYGNES D'ARGENT**

The **25 nominated works**, selected by the Selection Committee, are all winners of the **Cygne d'Argent**. This award recognises the 25 best works on the international comic book scene for the period under consideration.

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The recipients of this award will be present at the Festival to present the winning work to the public through panels and special events.

### **CYGNES D'OR**

The winners of the following 5 main categories will receive a plaque and a cash prize of **2,000 CHF/€**:

- **Best Swiss Comic:** awarded to the best comic book created by a Swiss artist, published as a single issue or as a complete story in a volume.
- **Best Artwork:** awarded to a nominated artist for excellence in the visual aspect.
- **Best Script:** awarded to a nominated artist for the best textual aspect.
- **Best Colour:** awarded to a nominated Artist for the best colour rendering.
- **Best International Comic:** awarded to the best comic book created by an international Artist, published as a single issue or as a complete story in a volume.



## SPECIAL AWARDS

- **Audience Award:** awarded to a nominated work by the Festival audience. Votes may only be cast after visiting the exhibition dedicated to the works nominated for the **Cygnés d'Or**, using the designated devices at the end of the exhibition route, thereby highlighting the interactive nature of the exhibition and the awards.
- **Innova Award:** awarded to a Guest Artist present at the Festival for their contribution to the innovation of the language of comics through their recent artistic output.
- **SUPERNOVA Award:** awarded to a young guest artist attending the Festival for the quality of their work through their recent artistic production, accompanied by a cash prize of 500 CHF/€
- **Illustration Award:** awarded to an artist who has distinguished themselves for their high artistic and illustrative merit.

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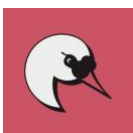
The “**Grand Prix Spécial Città di Lugano**”: awarded to an artist who, through their vision, technique, imagination, creative and professional journey serves as a point of reference for the entire community of the Ninth Art. A solo exhibition and a special evening dedicated entirely to the Artist will celebrate their contribution to the Ninth Art during the following year's edition.

### 3. NOMINATION FOR THE CYGNES D'OR

The nominations for the “**Grand Prix Città di Lugano**” represent the very best in comic art from the period under consideration.

Authors and works are nominated for the five **Cygnés d'Or** awards following the selection of entries by a dedicated committee, comprising experts, external readers, cultural contributors from InnovaComiX and, finally, the Artistic Director.

The nominations will be made public at least two months before the awards ceremony, scheduled for 27 February 2027. All selected works receive the **Cygne d'Argent** and compete in each category for the **Cygnés d'Or**.



## 4. HOW TO ENTER

The **Grand Prix Città di Lugano** is open to self-nominations from publishers and/or authors. All works published in their first edition, in any country worldwide, between **1 January 2025 and 31 May 2026** will be considered.

### Registration

Each publishing house and/or author may submit more than one work, attaching a digital version (PDF) of the work(s) to an email sent to the following address: [grandprix@innovacomix.ch](mailto:grandprix@innovacomix.ch). Given the particular nature of the award and the central role of the guests, publishers are advised to submit works whose authors\* are available to attend the festival in person.

### Submission of physical copies for nominated works

Should one or more of the submitted works be nominated for the Awards (and thus become winners of the Cygnes d'Argent), six physical copies must also be sent to the address indicated in the nomination notification email, failing which the work will be excluded (this does not apply to works published exclusively online or self-published works). The Organisation will send a copy to each member of the Jury and retain one at its headquarters for archiving purposes.

### Deadline

The final deadline for registration and the submission of digital works is set for **Monday 14 September 2026**. For works included among the nominations, physical submission must take place within seven working days of the relevant notification. The date of dispatch shall be taken as proof, failing which the entry will be excluded.

### Jury

Each year, the International Jury of the **Cygnes d'Or** brings together five figures of recognised authority in the world of Comic Art, including critics, popularisers and industry professionals, who are called upon to evaluate the works and award the prizes. At the Jury's discretion, one of the members will act as Chair of the Jury, and their vote will be decisive in the event of disagreement over an award or in the event of a tie in a vote. Their names will be announced publicly after the deadline for the submission of entries.

### Award Ceremony

The announcement of the winners and the presentation of the prizes will take place during a ceremony that forms an integral part of the InnoVaComiX Lugano International Comic Art Festival programme, on the closing night of Saturday 27 February 2027.

