

Fundación Jesús Serra will be holding the award ceremony for the 13th edition of its Poetry Competition at an event to be streamed live

Due to the current safety measures in place, the ceremony will be limited to participants, relatives and members of the competition's judging panel, and will consist of the handing out of the awards and a recital of the poems by their respective creators, at the Torre Bellesguard Gardens, with the space suitably adapted to the established safety protocols.

Next Friday, 2 October, at 19:00. the award-giving ceremony will be taking place for the 13th edition of the Poetry Competition organised by Fundación Jesús Serra, of Grupo Catalana Occidente, featuring the First Special Prize, which this year recognises the trajectory of the poet Feliu Formosa. Due to the current situation brought about by Covid-19, physical access to the event will be limited to the winners, relatives and judges. The event will also be streamed via the following link:

<https://www.youtube.com/user/fundacionjesusserra>

In its 13th edition, more than a thousand poems were presented, representing a large increase in participation in all categories, with works from up to 28 different countries. This milestone reflects the important work done by Fundación Jesús Serra to bring the genre of poetry closer to schools and institutes throughout the year, among other initiatives.

The Poetry Competition, apart from its international nature, is aimed at all age groups, both in Spanish and Catalan, thus constituting a unique prize in its category. This edition includes a new category, the Special Prize, created to recognise the creative trajectory of a poet, with **Feliu Formosa** being the distinguished winner on this occasion.

The judging panel responsible for assessing the works presented, as well as reviewing the poetic work of writers chosen for the award of the Special Prize, is formed by the writer Elena Medel (Princess of Girona Prize for Arts and Letters 2016); Josefa Contijoch (Miquel Martí i Pol Prize for Poetry 1981, and Salvador Espriu Poetry Prize 1994); David Castillo (Crexells Prize 1999, Sant Jordi Prize 2001); Professor Ricardo Fernández Aguilera, and Alejandro Krawietz. Carlos Zanón (Brigada 21 prize for the Best First Novel of the Year, and finalist for the Silverio Cañada Memorial awards, Giallo e dell Noir (Italy) and Violeta Negra (France));

About Fundación Jesús Serra

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The winning poems of the 2020 Fundació Jesús Serra Poetry Competition are:

In category A (aged 18 years and above), in Spanish, and with a prize of €2,500, the prize has been awarded to the piece:

A veces veo brillar los ojos de mi madre (Sometimes I see my mother's eyes shine), by Miguel Sánchez Robles. Murcia

In category B (aged between 14 and 17 years), in Spanish, and with a prize of €1,500:

Sobre lo efímero (On the ephemeral), by Alejandra Bach Serra. Barcelona

In category C (aged between 10 and 13 years), in Spanish, and with a prize of €800:

Sobre la charca se mece... (On the pond it sways), by Nicole Graoning Lladosa. Trinidad (Cuba)

In category A (aged 18 years and above), in Catalan, and with a prize of €2,500

Sorra i lluna (Sand and moon), by Arleth Abigail Aguilar. Girona

In category B (aged between 14 and 17 years), in Catalan, and with a prize of €1,500:

No dubtis (Do not hesitate), by Maria Ribas Fernández. Barcelona

In category C (aged between 10 and 13 years), in Catalan, and with a prize of €800:

Una simple carta d'amor (A simple love letter), by Laia Casals. Barcelona

You can follow all the latest news about the Competition on the Fundació Jesús Serra's social network profiles with the hashtag #ConcursoPoesíaFJS or on the website <https://poesiafjs.com>

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