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**International Competition
«Exlibris. Russia. 2022»**

The International Union of Public Organizations of Book Lovers, the Ex-libris and Miniature Book Museum, the International Art Center "Glavnyi Prospekt", with the support of the Ministry of Culture of the Sverdlovsk Region announce the International Competition "Exlibris. Russia. 2022", dedicated to the 300th anniversary of the founding of the city of Ekaterinburg. Works on a free topic or on one the following special topics will be accepted: "The History of the House of Romanovs in the Refraction of World History"; "History of Ekaterinburg in Cultural Monuments"; or "Ekaterinburg – City of Architecture of Three Centuries".

**Concise Historical Background
(for participants of the competition)**

The history of Ekaterinburg dates back to 1723, when a fortress-factory was founded on the Iset River. Vasili Nikitich Tatishchev chose the site for the factory himself. The construction of Europe's largest metallurgical factory was completed under the leadership of Wilhelm de Gennin. The city is named after Empress Catherine I (1684-1727), the second wife of Peter the Great. Now it is the administrative center of the Sverdlovsk Region, the fourth largest city in Russia and the the unofficial capital of the Urals.

In different periods many famous people lived in the city: writers D. N. Mamin-Sibiriak, P. P. Bazhov, V. P. Krapivin, the inventor of the radio A. S. Popov, military commander G. K. Zhukov, General Secretary of the CPSU Central Committee Leonid I. Brezhnev, the first President of Russia, Boris N. Yeltsin, and others.

Architectural monuments of the past centuries have been preserved in Ekaterinburg. Among the most important buildings are Sevastianov House, Rastorguev-Kharitonov estate, Zheleznov House, Agafurov House, the first railway station, Borchaninov Mill, and Borchaninov House. The oldest building in the city is the Ural Conservatory, which used to be occupied by the Mining Office (built in 1737-1739). Buildings of the Soviet period also are impressive. Ekaterinburg is called the "preserve" of constructivism. Such a large number of preserved buildings of this style cannot be found elsewhere.

Most tourists know Ekaterinburg as the city where the last Emperor of the Russian Empire, Nicholas II, and his family were executed. They visit the Church-on-Blood, built on the site of the demolished Ipat'ev house.

Statute on the Competition

The competition is organized to support the further development of traditional classical techniques of printed graphics and to popularize the modern achievements of ex-libris design in the world.

Technical conditions

Works of no more than 15x15 cm in size (image) made in traditional techniques may be submitted: linocut, woodcut, wood engraving, etching, aquatint, mezzotint, lithography, dry needle, chisel engraving on metal, engraving on plastic, engraving on cardboard.

Photography, computer graphics, photocopy, and monotype are not accepted.

The designer must provide at least two (2) different ex-libris, 3 prints each. The works must be created in the period from 2020 to 2022, and be in the exclusive ownership of the designer.

The bookplates must bear in pencil the designer's signature, name, date, number of the imprint and the technique below the image. On the back of the sheet must be clearly indicated the full name of the designer, the title of the work, the year of creation, the city, the country, all information provided with the use of a pencil.

The completed participant form should be sent by e-mail.

The works are sent at the expense of the designer, postmarked no later than 30 April 2022.

The works must be securely packed. The organizers are not responsible for any damage to the works before they are received. The works will not be returned to the designers.

The works selected by the jury for participation in the final exhibition will be included into the catalog of the International Ex-Libris Competition. The catalog will be sent free of charge to the participants whose works are included in the catalog (after publication). At the end of the competition, the submitted works will be kept in the collection of the International Arts Center "Glavnyi Prospekt", the Museum of Fine Arts of Ekaterinburg, and the Ex-libris and Miniature Book Museum in Moscow. The participant gives non-exclusive rights to use, publish, and reproduce the submitted works to the organizers of the contest.

Only professional artists may take part in the International Ex-Libris Competition (student works are not accepted).

The works should be sent to the address:

Ex-libris and Miniature Book Museum, Pushechnaia st. 7/5, building 2, Moscow, RUSSIA 107031.

Awards

The works are selected for participation in the exhibition and the awarding of prizes by an independent international jury as part of:

- William Butler (England) - Executive Secretary of FISAE (1986-2016);
- James Keenan (USA) - President of FISAE (2020-2022).
- Klaus Rodel (Denmark) - former President of FISAE.
- Junod Benoit (Switzerland) - collector of the ex-libris.
- Valery Pokatov (Russia) - President of the Russian Exlibris Association.

The Grand Prix is 1000 Euros.

I place - 600 Euros.

II place - 400 Euros.

III place - 200 Euros.

Three special prizes of 300 Euros will be awarded to artists whose works are recognized as the best on topics dedicated to the anniversary of the city of Ekaterinburg.

The Grand Prix is awarded to the best Ex-libris on the Ekaterinburg anniversary theme.

Honorable Mention diplomas will be awarded by the jury to 10 artists who have sent the best works on free and special topics.

Terms and conditions

The international exhibition "Exlibris. Russia. 2022", dedicated to the 300th anniversary of Ekaterinburg, will be exhibited in August 2022 in Ekaterinburg at the International Art Center "Glavnyi Prospekt". An excursion program will be organized for its participants by the organizers of the competition free of charge. Transportation costs and hotel accommodation are at the expense of the arriving party.

Information Support

All information about the event will be provided on the website of the International Union of Book Lovers: www.knigoluby.ru, as well as the website of the International Arts Center "Glavnyi Prospekt".

Application form

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Name _____

Occupation _____

Address _____

Telephone _____

E-mail: _____

Brief biography _____

Lists of exlibrises (year of creation, technique, dimensions):

Signature

Date
