

The poet Eloy Sánchez Rosillo wins the Special Prize in the 16th edition of the Fundación Jesús Serra Poetry Competition

The author will collect the prize, worth €5,000, at the award ceremony on 30 June.

Poet Eloy Sánchez Rosillo, from Murica, has been named winner of the 4th Fundación Jesús Serra Special Poetry Award, which forms part of the 16th edition of its Poetry Competition. The award, which recognises the poetic work of a writer or established writer with a €5,000 prize, will be presented at the award ceremony on 30 June at Torre Bellesguard in Barcelona.

In the words of the panel of judges, which includes renowned Spanish poets, such as Carlos Zanón and Elena Medel, Sánchez Rosillo is "a craftsman of poetry, who stands out for his natural style and his intimate, human, close and calm tone."

The Special Prize was created within the framework of the Fundación Jesús Serra Poetry Competition, a competition whose aim is to promote the poetic genre among all age groups. In this sixteenth edition of the competition, a total of 1,387 entrants from 29 countries around the world were presented, which was more than the previous edition, when a total of 1,263 proposals were received.

The Poetry Competition, organised by Fundación Jesús Serra of GCO (Grupo Catalana Occidente), also has three main categories: A, for participants of legal age; B, for authors aged between 14 and 17; and C, aimed at contestants aged between 10 and 13.

The winners of category A were José Manuel Martín Portales, for his work in Spanish "Tierra Mojada"; and Carme Casas Martínez, for her title in Catalan "Deixàrem de veure la mare." both winners received a prize of €2,500. In category B, with a prize of €1,500, the winner in Spanish was Victoria Arregui, for "Schuman tiene espinas"; and the winner of the poem in Catalan was April Galofré with "Vernal." Finally, in category C, Adela Claudia Alba was the winner in Spanish with "Sueña Valeria," together with Noa Abike Cazuaye Martínez for her work in Catalan "Gaia," both winners received a prize of €800.

In the words of the managing director of Fundación Jesús Serra, Ignacio Gallardo-Bravo, "we are very proud to organise this competition that promotes literary culture among citizens of all ages and from different parts of the world." The Director also described the results obtained in this year's edition as "excellent" and expressed his desire to continue celebrating the poetic genre in future editions.

Following the legacy of GCO's founder, Jesús Serra, one of the foundation's areas of action is to promote culture in general. For this, in order to promote poetry among the young, the Foundation also has the project "Poetízate. Poesía en las aulas" (Get into Poetry. Poetry in the classrooms) which seeks to present poetry as a tool for expression and communication. The project has been running at different education centres since 2019, and more than 76 institutes and schools have been visited at which more than 5,200 students have participated.

About Fundación Jesús Serra

Fundación Jesús Serra is a non-profit organisation created in memory of Jesús Serra Santamans, a well-known businessman and sponsor and founder of GCO (Grupo Catalana Occidente). The foundation develops and supports projects in the areas of research, education, business, social action, sports, and promotion of the arts, with the common goal of a responsible commitment to society.