

Open Graphic Competition "QUANTO?"

Competition Notification

Introduction

The awareness of today's existing exploitation and slavery conditions of women and minors is particularly dramatic if compared to the social progress achieved in the realm of human rights. Acknowledging this situation, has led, in the past 15 years, to reflections, debates, political and social involvements, especially as a consequence of the increase and flourishing of the sex market. Women (especially immigrants) are ever more the object of exchanges in the human trafficking, for the purpose of sexual exploitation by criminal organizations. In addition it is necessary to remember that a world estimate puts the number of boys and girls, part of this market, at two millions; and Italy is one of the main hub, receiving and dispatching the stream of working minors to other European regions. Exploitation therefore is not limited to the sex market, but also to the working world, including house work. The exclusion of these people from the social life and the work market, and the increase in the use of drugs, are the cause of augmenting discomfort.

Prostitution is not essentially caused by lack of freedom but it is also a function of abuse, poverty, bad working conditions, inexperience and/or desperation. It is then indispensable to consider women and minors as human persons, and therefore as individuals with rights. Projects and models aimed at fighting and solving the problems, are the means to free the persons involved from the various forms of exploitation and slavery and to offer them an opportunity to reinstate themselves in the social and working world.

The project "QUANTO", through a competition of graphic works, aims to highlight a topic which tends to become ever more submerged and hidden. The purpose is to stimulate new thinking, but first of all, make people aware that in order to intervene on the life of so many persons, it is of paramount importance to pay attention to the complexity of the problems and their personal characteristics.

We are confident that the originality of such competition will help to overcome the stereotyped images of this real problem so close to us and so much underrated and ignored.

Purpose of the competition

The "Graphic Works" competition "QUANTO" is inviting all the graphic people of the world. It is the intention of the competition's organizers to allow the participants ample freedom to interpret and tell graphically what is the "Prostitution World". It was decided to give to such event, an international character for the purpose of obtaining the vastest possible group of competing people expressing their feelings about such social problem so entrenched and so widely spread.

The competition will end with an exhibition of the selected works whose reproductions will be sold at a "not for profit" auction sale. The proceeds of the auction (less the organizing expenses) will be distributed among the National and International Organizations (non profit and /or those who volunteered their help) involved in the project.

Participating Conditions

The competition is open to graphic people of all the world without limits of age and origin.

The participating works may have already been presented at other competitions, but must have been awarded a price.

People barred from competition

Judges and members of the Organizing Committee are not allowed to compete.

Judges work

The Judges will select out of all those received works, to their judgement, are excelling in content and are more technically relevant.

The Judges decisions are based on the majority of the votes and are final.

Announcement of Competition

This competition will be divulged via Internet at Graphic's Schools, Artistic Labs, Graphical Communities, and at International Graphical and Architectural Centers as well as on media centers.

Prices

No money prizes are foreseen.

Exhibition and catalogue

The selected works will be published in a catalogue a copy of which will be sent to each author and on the web site.

Exhibition site

The exhibition will take place the **02 September** at Centro Culturale Zitelle in Venice www.cz95.org.

Allowed Works

Each Participant can enter one or more works. The dimensions of each work must be 50x70 or 70x50 cm. The works must be sent in one of the following formats: PDF, Illustrator, Free End, JPG 150/300 dpi, In design.

Registration and shipment

The competition's enrollment and the work's forwarding must be done by filling out a form that you can download from www.quantoproject.com and sending works on a CD/DVD to:

QUANTOPROJECT c/o CZ95

Centro Zitelle Culturale e Multimediale Giudecca 95 30123 Venezia Italia

Works won't be returned.

The participants personal data will be known only to the secretarial staff of the Organizing Committee who guarantees the safeguard and anonymity of the competing works.

Events and exhibition

02 September 2006.

Non profit auction sale

At the end of the show, a non profit auction sale of the selected works will go into effect, and the proceeds will be distributed to the non profit organizations and those organizations which volunteered their time to the project.

Use of the works selected

The Project Managers are committed to advertize such project to the press and emphasize results.

and to enhance the competition's results with the most appropriate initiatives.

All the participants must agree to:

- 1) Exhibit their works in a exhibition which will be held in September 2006
- 2) Have a picture their work, if selected, published in a catalogue.
- 3) Sell a riproduction of their work at the previously mentioned auction, which will take place at the end of the exhibition.

Acceptance of the competition's rules

Participating to the competition implies acceptance of all the prviously listed conditions. Each compiting person agrees to the handling of their personal data according to the Italian law no. 675 of 12/31/1996. Handling and safeguarding such data, is the "Competition's Managers" responsibility.

Competition's Secretary and Information's Office

This office is located at: Cz95.

For detailed informations about the Competition, you can E-Mail to: info@quantoproject.com

To summarise:

- Deadline: **June, 1st, 2006**
- Send your works via e-mail at send@quantoproject.com or via mail to Cz95
- Accepted formats: Illustrator, Freehand, JPG (159/300 dpi), Indesign
- More than one work can be sent
- The works ' size must be 50x70 and/or 70x50 cm
- For information: info@quantoproject.com

Form: name, title of the work, address, country, phone, e-mail