



## Press Release

### ***50.000 spectators of any age for Cartoon Club***

### ***The Festival Awards***

With a crowded night in Fellini Square, dedicated to *SpongeBob Squarepants* and other characters from the channel Nickelodeon, the XXIV edition of **Cartoon Club** (International Festival of Animation Cinema and Comics, sponsored and promoted by all the main public institutions) was over. This edition has confirmed the success of the Festival, with about **50.000 people** who attended the many events that have been organized by the festival staff in the month of July.

As usual, prizes and awards have been assigned, to works and artists related with comics and animation cinema.

#### **XII "SIGNOR ROSSI" AWARD,**

dedicated to films made by students of animation cinema schools. The jury, whose members were Witold Giersz (president), Federico Fiecconi, Francesco Filippi, Bryan Gartside and Thomas Wagner, has assigned the following prizes:

- **special mentions** to the films *Babau* by Valerio Terranova, Giuliano Poretti, Silvia Zappalà, Omar Bianco from the Centro Sperimentale di Cinematografia di Chieri, and *Dance with the devil* by Viola Baier, from the Filmakademie Baden-Württemberg;
- **SIGNOR ROSSI Award for the best animation school** to *The Animation Workshop* (Denmark), for the high quality of the presented movies and the interesting variety of the techniques;
- **SIGNOR ROSSI Award for the best film** to *Kieselstein* by Ellen Hoffmann, from the Filmakademie Baden-Württemberg, for the intensity and the liveliness of the script, and the original and detailed way in the use of computer animation.

## **XII “FRANCO FOSSATI” AWARD,**

dedicated to books and essays of history and critics on comics. The jury, whose members were Luigi Bona (president), Gianni Brunoro, Michele Ginevra, Gianfranco Goria and Paolo Guiducci, has assigned the prize to *De Luca. Il disegno pensiero*, edited by Hamelin (publisher: Black Velvet, 2008).

## **IV “FEDE A STRISCE” AWARD,**

dedicated to comic-books about religion. The jury, whose members were Stefano Gorla (president), Alessandro Bottero, Paolo Guiducci, Brunetto Salvarani and Sabrina Zanetti, has assigned the following prizes:

- special mentions to *Storia di Davide* by Roberto Battestini (publisher: Catecomics, 2007) and *Vangelo a fumetti* by Roberto Rinaldi (publisher: San Paolo, 2008);
- “Faith in Strips” Award 2008 to *Gli Animaletti e il Buon Pastore* by Francesco Rizzato (publisher: Fumetti per fede, 2008).

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