

BOUND

A CONTEMPORARY BOOK BINDING DESIGN CONTEST

RULES & REGULATIONS

Event Overview

Hartley & Marks Publishers / Paperblanks presents a 10,000-Euro award for the best contemporary book design, including all aspects of binding, visual design, and overall book construction on the occasion of the Frankfurt Book Fair 2009. With the award Hartley & Marks Publishers / Paperblanks demonstrates its commitment to innovative book design and the book arts.

The contest is not only for bookbinders and book artists but for designers, artists, architects, or other professions as well who wish to apply their skills to the book arts. Employees of Hartley & Marks Publishers, The Gutenberg Museum, Mainz, and the Frankfurt Book Fair may not participate.

Submission & Judging

Entries for this contest will be accepted as of October 15, 2008. The final deadline for all submissions is May 1, 2009. Up to three submissions per participant are allowed.

An international jury of five, supported by additional consulting members, will determine the finalists and winners. Jurors will represent professionals in the book arts, design, book illustration, new media, modern art, and bookbinding.

The jury will judge the competing books submitted based on technique, design, and execution. Innovation, creativity, and utility will be guiding criteria.

Initial submissions may be in the form of a digital design of the entrant's book design. Digital designs may be in common formats (JPEG, TIFF, PDF, Flash). Jurors will make a short list of 25 finalists. Jurors will notify qualifying designs that must then be re-submitted as finished, physical book constructions.

In order to qualify for the grand prize, any pre-selected designs, chosen by the jury, must be submitted as a finished book by the contest deadline, September 1, 2009.

First place prize is 10,000 Euros
Second place prize is 2,000 Euros
Third place prize is 1,000 Euros

The MDE (International association of bookbinders) will provide a list of book-binding resources to aid participants in their research.

The finished book block, which must be bound, requires a 10-Euro entry fee. There will be no other fees for participation. Any freight and insurance costs are the responsibility of the participant. The request of a finished book block to the participant from the jury will be proof of approval and qualification for participation.

The contest winners may be considered for a publishing contract with Paperblanks.

At least one exhibition of the submissions will take place in the Gutenberg-Museum, Mainz, for a minimum of two months. Other exhibitions may follow.

Submissions may be sent to:

BOUND Book Binding Contest
Gutenberg Museum
Stadt Mainz
451 Gutenberg-Museum
55116 Mainz
Liebfrauenplatz 5