

Call for artists regarding the 4th Comics Festival of Kilkis “COMICSVILLE” (8-10 of November 2024)

Dear artists,

For the fourth consecutive year, we are pleased to hold “COMICSVILLE”, the Comics Festival of Kilkis. A new set of events, panels, side exhibitions and workshops hosted by **the Arts and Culture Association “i polis”** will take place in the hospitable premises of the **Tobacco Warehouse** of the Austro-Greek Union of the city, upon the kind permission of the Municipality of Kilkis, from November 8^h to November 10th, 2024.

As always, the festival’s main attraction will be the **Comics Art Exhibition** of **Greek** and **distinguished international creators**. This year’s exhibition will be called “**Open City**”. With the present message we are **cordially inviting you** to participate.

Our title, “Open City” refers to a place, real or imaginary, where different people with different origins interact. Everyone is welcome in the “Open City”: travelers, merchants, pilgrims, artists. It is a metropolis busy and peaceful at the same time. In a world filled with war, the “Open City” is a safe harbor, an area of enlightenment.

When weaving their story, this year’s participants can draw inspiration from the lines above or carve their own creative path-both will be considered valid.

Artists can participate with complete comic stories or extracts. **Already published works are accepted**, along with those developed especially for our exhibition.

In the framework of the Fourth Multidisciplinary Festival “COMICSVILLE”, an exhibition **catalogue** will be published containing samples of the featured works. The catalogue will be available in the exhibition grounds for a symbolic price. If you participate, we will include a sample of your submission in the album. All profits from the distribution of the said catalogue will be used in the funding of the festival, while each participant gets their free copy by post, sometime after its conclusion.

For your participation in this year’s “Open City” exposition, the following are required

1-2 comic book pages (in color or black and white) sized A3_or smaller in digital form (tiff, pdf or jpeg files). Resolution: 300 dpi or more.

Each file should be named after your last name and the addition of a serial number, according to the desired order of placement (SMITH_1, SMITH_2.)

Furthermore, your works should be complemented by

1. **A short title** or explanatory label which will indicate where the work came from (in case of extracts)
2. Your own **profile photo** sized 5X5cm, of 300dpi resolution
3. Your own **English bio written in the third person**, spanning at about 200 words.
4. A detailed mail address stating where the catalogue should be sent

We highly recommend that you submit works **suited for ages 13 or older**. They should not contain graphic depictions of sex and/or violence. If they do engage in these issues they should do so suggestively as we expect visits by families. Furthermore, our workshops are addressed to children and adolescents.

We will be accepting your submissions at provato7@gmail.com **by 30/09/24**. In case of larger files, we suggest that you submit via www.wetransfer.com

With warm thanks,

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