

LABoral to hold an Amateur Poetry Contest in collaboration with La Semana Negra and El Gaviero publications

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LABoral is to hold an Amateur Poetry Writing Contest - *Poesía Serie B* - intended to encourage literary creation while reclaiming prestige for this specialised poetic genre. Poetry can be playful and fun, offering a way to bring together different kinds of popular, vanguard and industrial modes of artistic expression. This initiative is part of the Public Programme at El Centro de Arte y Creación industrial carried out in collaboration with Gijón's La Semana Negra El Gaviero publications.

Original work can be submitted until July 1. Only one poem can be entered at a time. It must have a minimum of 14 verses and a maximum of 40. It must be submitted in electronic form accompanied by an attached file containing the author's personal information (complete name, postal address, email address, age, DNI) to poesiaserieb@gmail.com

The winner will be given a prize of 1,200 Euros and a trip on the train at Gijón's Semana Negra, to be awarded during the festivities held from July 9 to 18, 2010.

For the first edition of this contest, the only poems that will be accepted as *Serie B* will be those written in one of the following sub-genres: police thriller, western, terror and science fiction. Anyone of legal age residing in Spain is eligible to compete. The poetry must be completely original, written in Spanish and never before submitted to another contest. Submissions that have been previously published in electronic form will also not be accepted.

The Jury that will decide upon the winner will comprise five professionals from the cultural sector and one Secretary - with a voice in the deliberations but no vote - as representative of LABoral. Their names will be revealed along with their decision. The winning text may be edited and published at the discretion of LABoral and El Gaviero.