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Scontemporary slovak illustrations – exhibition of works nominated for BIB 2025

18. 6. 2025 – 31. 8. 2025

Dušan Roll Gallery

For the 30th time, the Biennial of Illustrations Bratislava 2025 will be a unique showcase of the best works in children's book illustrations, gathered over two years from all corners of the world. The exhibition presents illustrators nominated from the Slovak Republic.

The story of illustration

7. 8. 2025 – 22. 2. 2026

BIBIANA

The exhibition „The Story of Illustration“ celebrates the jubilee of the Biennial of Illustrations Bratislava. It is a visual journey exploring the world of children’s book illustrations. Spanning two floors, the exhibition showcases the works of illustrators honoured over the last six decades, as well as a range of art techniques, styles, and visual approaches.

The exhibition is not merely a presentation of beautiful pictures, but also an invitation into the magical world of fantasy. Each illustration recounts its own story and is also part of a larger theme – the black and white world, the world of the oldest and youngest illustrations, the world of myths, fables and tales, or the world of heroes and animal friends. The Story of Illustration is a breathtaking tale of the power of pictures and fantasy, fusing traditions and innovations, the past and the present.

Script: I. Abrahámfyová

Exhibition design: R. Bezák

Graphic: L. Repková

Realisation: M. Pavlikánová

Programs for the Littlest

For children aged 18 months to 3 years, accompanied by an adult. The number of adults and kids is limited to 20. These programs require a reservation through our reservation system at www.bibiana.sk

July

03 Underwater Summer Vacation
Thursday 10:00 and 11:00

17 Underwater Summer Vacation
Thursday 10:00 and 11:00

August

14 Underwater Summer Vacation
Thursday 10:00 and 11:00

Programs for the Public

Theatre shows and workshops only by appointment through the reservations system at www.bibiana.sk

July

08 "A" is for Andersen!
Tuesday 15:00

16 Meet the Puppets
Wednesday 15:00

09 "A" is for Andersen!
Wednesday 15:00

22 Animate Your Summer
Tuesday 15:00

23 *Animate Your Summer*
Wednesday 15:00

25 *Animate Your Summer*
Piatok 15:00

24 *Animate Your Summer*
Thursday 15:00

26 *Become the Court's Painter*
Saturday 10:00, 11:30, 13:00

August

12 *Búbeli – Goblins from Bojnice*
Tuesday 15:00

21 *Colour In Your Summer*
Thursday 15:00

13 *Mad Hatter's Shop*
Wednesday 15:00

22 *Colour In Your Summer*
Friday 15:00

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Underwater summer vacation

Dearest little ones, summer is full of new adventures, games, and colouring books. An amazing underwater world awaits you. Who are the creatures living underwater? What are you doing down there? And have you heard that fish go to school, too? Accompanied by a little fish called Bleak, we will dive underwater and discover all the things hidden down there. We will talk, play, and create together a lot – you can look forward to drawing, glueing, painting, and trying out new things. Come and experience colours, shapes, and underwater adventures!

(From 18 months to 3 years)

Become the court's painter

Become the court's painter-illustrator for a day! Imagine you are an artist tasked with capturing the grand coronation procession as it passes through Bratislava. Choose one scene from the coronation celebration and draw it. It may be the queen or the king riding in the horse-drawn carriage or a horse, courtiers, court trumpeters, or the coronation celebration in St. Martin's Cathedral. Come and visit our court school of illustration and draw this historical event as you see it. The event is part of the Bratislava Coronation Day 2025.

(For children 5 and older)

"A" is for Andersen!

Hooray! It's that time again, and we can sign 'Happy Birthday' to someone special! Who would that be? Hans Christian Andersen. The world-renowned author would have celebrated his 220th birthday this year. How did he live his life, and why should we remember him now? Why does he have a statue in Bratislava? You can get those questions answered in a theatre play starring Michaela Cingelová and Filip Gáfrik, who will take us on an exploration of the study of H. Ch. Andersen.

Story: E. Kováčová

Direction and realisation: E. Kováčová

Stage setting, puppets: K. Mikulová

Starring: M. Cingelová, F. Gáfrik

Score: M. Dorkin

(For children 5 and older)

Meet the puppets

Do you like puppet theatre? Do you know the different types of puppets? Would you like to learn about how they come alive through the hands of the puppeteers? Come and meet the puppets – the expert will show you how to operate them, and you can create your own small puppet theatre performance.

(For children from 5 to 10)

Animate your summer

The BIBIANA Atelier offers a workshop where kids can create their short animation using paper and recycled materials. They will learn the basics of creating animated films and make their own short animated movie themed "My hero" or "Me as a hero".

(For children from 7 to 15)

Mad Hatter's shop

This creative workshop, revolving around the illustrations of Dušan Kállay, will draw you into the world of Alice in Wonderland. Together, we will attend the Mad Hatter's tea party, where hats are made to order. This way, children can become the Mad Hatter's assistants for a while, helping him embellish hats and create a character to wear them.

(For children from 5 to 10)

Búbeli – goblins from Bojnice

We will leaf through the book "Bojnický búbeli" (Búbeli – Goblins from Bojnice), illustrated by Peter Uchnár, and be inspired by its fantastical world. We will try out how to be an illustrator. We will look for creatures hidden in blotches on paper and draw on them using our own imagination. We will create our own creatures that inhabit unusual places, such as the woods, caves, or wetlands, and we will invent our own mini-stories about their adventures.

(For children from 5 to 10)

Colour your summer

Pick your own favourite illustrator and ride the summer wave of fantasy! Under the illustrator's guidance, you can create your own illustration or book. You can look forward to one-of-a-kind meetings with Slovak illustrators, such as Juraj Martiška, Martin Kellenberger, Peter Uchnár, and Milina Zimková. Their works will be your inspiration and guidance in the world of illustration.

(For children from 7 to 15)

Exhibitions outside of BIBIANA

BIB Honoured Illustrators 1967-2023

Community Centre in Cetinje,
MONTENEGRO

Dates: 13. 6. – 26. 6. 2025

BIB GRAND PRIX 1967-2023 and Documentary Exhibition of the History of BIB 1967-2023

Slovak Institute in LONDON

Dates: July – August 2025

BIB 2023 and A. Brunovský BIB 2023 Workshop

Slovak Institute in PARIS

Dates: July – August 2025

RETRO-BIB 1967-2025

University Library in BRATISLAVA

Dates: 18. 7. – 31. 8. 2025

I am not Afraid of Fear

ŽiTo v Sýpke, MORAVSKÉ LIESKOVÉ

Dates: 14. 4. – 15. 12. 2025

Colour Laboratory

ŽiTo v Sýpke, MORAVSKÉ LIESKOVÉ

Dates: 1. 10. 2024 – 15. 12. 2025

From Question to Image

SNR Museum in MYJAVA

Dates: 15. 4. – 6. 7. 2025

It Makes Sense Even Without Senses

Záhorie Museum in SKALICA

Dates: 30. 4. – 31. 7. 2025

Exhibition in a Suitcase

Záhorie Museum in SKALICA

Dates: 30. 4. – 31. 7. 2025

What Connects Us

Záhorie Museum in SKALICA

Dates: 30. 4. – 31. 7. 2025

Calligraphy=Cursive

Tatry Gallery in POPRAD

Dates: 16. 5. – 20. 9. 2025

BAB – Rhymes and Songs from Movies

Žitný Ostrov Library in

DUNAJSKÁ STREDA

Dates: 1. 7. – 1. 9. 2025

Most Beautiful Books of Slovakia 2023

Karol Kmeťko Regional Library, NITRA

Dates: 8. 7. – 31. 8. 2025

BIB 2023 Honoured Illustrators

Community Centre in NÁMESTOVO

Dates: 7. 7. – 1. 10. 2025

Notice

Enjoy reduced admission fee of 1 €
until 6. 8. 2025, until the opening
of the exhibition "The Story of Illustration".

Reservations expire 15 minutes before
the start of events, theatre performances
and workshops.

For groups of more than five children,
please make a reservation at
realizacia@bibiana.sk

For further information about exhibitions
and events, contact 02/20 467 111 or visit
www.bibiana.sk

Program subject to change without notice!

Opening Hours:

BIBIANA

Monday	Closed
Tuesday to Sunday	10:00 to 18:00

Reading room

JULY: Tuesday to Sunday	10:00 to 18:00
AUGUST: Closed	

Our reading room will be closed for the whole month of August. During the summer break, you can visit workshops for the youngest or explore the online gallery, showcasing honoured books and authors on our website (<https://www.bibiana.sk/sk/archiv-podujati/archiv-oceneni>). We are looking forward to seeing you back in September, with new books from all corners of the world.

Admission fees:

Exhibition

Adults	2 €
Children	2 €

Theatre performances

Adults	3 €
Children	3 €

Creative workshops

Adults	3 €
Children	3 €

Accompanying teachers	free
Disabled persons	free
ICOM, Bratislava Card	free
Children under 18 months	free

Admission fees for theatre performances and creative workshops include the admission fee for exhibitions at BIBIANA.

Do you know our useful rules?

Thanks to them, you and your friends after you,
can better enjoy your visit.



1. Safety and health are paramount. Children are allowed to enter the exhibition premises only in the company of an adult who is liable for the children during the entire stay within the exhibition premises.



2. Exhibitions and programs in BIBIANA are designed for big and small visitors from 3 to 100 unless indicated otherwise.



3. Coats, bags, handbags, and backpacks should not be taken into the exhibition premises. You can safely store them in the lockers in the cloakroom.



4. Strollers do not fit into the exhibition premises. Please park them in the cloakroom.



5. Please do not bring food or drinks inside the exhibition premises. In doing so, we will keep the exhibition premises clean and tidy.



6. Put your mobile on silent mode and enjoy the exhibitions. Do not disturb others by talking loudly on the phone, and be respectful of other visitors when taking photos.



7. All interactive exhibition elements are for you to use. Handle them gently and play with them, but do not destroy them.



8. If the exhibition premises are crowded, please be patient and wait for the crowds to subside.



9. BIBIANA lecturers and staff are here to help and advise you. Please do not hesitate to ask them for help and respect their instructions.



10. Thank you for being respectful of other visitors and each other!