

**BOLOGNA CHILDREN'S BOOK FAIR
THE EXTENSIVE JAPANESE TOUR OF THE ILLUSTRATORS' EXHIBITION
BEGINS ON 29 JUNE**

FIRST STOP: THE ITABASHI ART MUSEUM

The Bologna Children's Book Fair Illustrators' Exhibition heads to Tokyo and the completely refurbished spaces of the Itabashi Art Museum. Founded in 1979, the Museum will reopen to the public on 29 June to celebrate its fortieth anniversary.

Itabashi is one of the Bologna Children's Book Fair's oldest partners and has hosted the event's activities since 1981 when it began to coordinate the Japanese tour of the Illustrators' Exhibition, involving numerous museums and art galleries across the country. The Museum will reopen with a selection of the best of global illustration from the standout event of the Children's Book Fair, a showcase for the latest contemporary trends seen through the work of 76 international artists selected by an international jury at the 2019 edition.

Further enhancing the programme, which also includes a series of professional workshops, readings and seminars on the theme of picture books, is the exhibition of the illustrations of *La Casa de Ferias*, the book created by the young Croatian illustrator Vendi Vernić, winner of the Bologna Children's Book Fair - Fundación SM 2018 International Award, as well as illustrations from the books that won the BolognaRagazzi Award 2019.

A unique opportunity to obtain global visibility for the 76 artists selected, the two-year tour of the Illustrators' Exhibition will also head to Seoul and, for the third year running, to China, where it will be hosted by some of the country's most important art galleries and libraries.

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