

Premio Eloi Gimeno

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In its fifth edition, ArtsLibris, together with Fundació Foto Colectania and in collaboration with the Asociación Amigos de Eloi Gimeno, will present the Eloi Gimeno Award for the best photobook.

The artist's career revitalised the Spanish photography scene, taking aesthetic risks, self-publishing his work, approaching book design with elegance, and initiating processes of collective creation.

This award, presented among the books submitted by exhibitors at the 17th edition of ArtsLibris, aims to support photobooks that honour Eloi Gimeno's creative and collaborative spirit.

ELOI GIMENO AWARD RULES

1.- PURPOSE AND DESCRIPTION:

The award will recognize photobooks published during the current or last year that are innovative, daring, and demonstrate creative freedom. Special consideration will be given to works that reflect the philosophy and values that inspired Eloi Gimeno's work and artistic career, highlighting creativity, originality, design work, discourse, and the synergy between the designer, photographer, and the rest of the team. Special consideration will be given to works from small publishers and self-published projects.

2.- HOWTO PARTICIPATE:

Participation in the award can be done in two ways:

A.- Participation via ArtsLibris attendance: the first and main way to qualify for the award will be to have the book displayed at the stands of the exhibitors, publishers, and/or projects participating in the ArtsLibris fair, without the need to complete any formalities.

B.- Participation via independent submission: As an alternative, all works not for sale at the ArtsLibris fair may participate through the Call for Entries opened by the Friends of Eloi Gimeno Association.

Works must be sent in digital format (a PDF of the book or a sequence of images with the entire book open, as well as a brief biography and description of the project, with a maximum file size of 100 MB) to:

amigoseloigimeno@gmail.com

and **llorachfw@diba.cat** (of the Agustí Centelles Library / Eloi Gimeno Collection). A pre-selection of all the works received will be made, and the authors of the selected books will be notified so they can send them in physical form to the Eloi Gimeno Collection, Esquerra de L'Eixample Library – Agustí Centelles, C/ Compte d'Urgell, 145, 08036 Barcelona.

The preselection committee for digital submissions is composed of Nara Fusté, Willy Rojas and Nacho Caravia.

The Friends of Eloi Gimeno Association will cover the shipping costs and the price of the selected books, which will be displayed at the Association's booth at the fair.

3.- DEADLINES:

The deadlines for access through the independent competition/open call (Section B, Section 2) will be as follows:

- Books will be accepted in digital format from September 1 to 28, 2026 (amigoseloigimeno@gmail.com and llorachfw@diba.cat from the Agustí Centelles Library / Eloi Gimeno Collection).

- The jury's deliberation and the decision on the shortlist of projects to be included in the Friends of Eloi Gimeno panel will take place between September 29 and October 5, 2026 (all selected projects will be notified by email with the corresponding instructions for formalizing the physical delivery of the book).

- The deadline for physical receipt of shortlisted books will be from October 5 to October 26, 2026 (Eloi Gimeno Collection, Esquerra de L'Eixample Library – Agustí Centelles, C/ Compte d'Urgell, 145, 08036 Barcelona). Books arriving late will not be considered by the jury.

4.- JURY AND PROCEDURE:

The jury will be composed of Elisa Medde, Óscar Monzón, and Laura Pelayo González.

During the days of October 30 and 31, the jury will select those books that, from those presented at the fair, they consider reflect the values that inspire the award. The jury may select as many books as they wish. The deliberation, selection and announcement of the winner will take place on Sunday, November 1, after which a celebration, in true Eloi style, will take place in honor of the winner.

5.- PRIZE:

The prize consists of a €2,000 award for the author, which will be jointly contributed by Foto Colectania and ArtsLibris. The winning book will also be promoted by the three organizations organizing the award during the following year and, among other publications, will be presented at Foto Colectania.

All books selected by the jury will be acquired by the Friends of Eloi Gimeno association and will be incorporated into the Eloi Gimeno Collection at the Biblioteca Esquerra de L'Eixample – Agustí Centelles.