

INTERNATIONAL LITERATURE AND PAINTING COMPETITION FOR SECONDARY SCHOOL STUDENTS

UNDER THE AEGIS OF



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MINISTRY OF FOREIGN AFFAIRS
GENERAL SECRETARIAT
FOR GREEKS ABROAD AND PUBLIC DIPLOMACY

The International Society of Friends of Nikos Kazantzakis (ISFNK) (the author of the novel 'Zorba') is inviting Secondary School students to take part in a **Literature and Painting competition in 2023** in order to mark the 140th Anniversary of the writer's birth as well as the 35th Anniversary of the Society's foundation.

Students are invited to send expressions of interest **by 30st January 2023** and once they are approved they can produce **one piece** of their choice by **30 May 2023** in **one of the following three categories:**

- 1. Poetry.** The poem should be inspired by the life and work of Nikos Kazantzakis.
- 2. Prose.** Free text in any form of prose always about the personality and work of Nikos Kazantzakis.
- 3. Painting.** Subject inspired by his work (landscape, monument, portrait of the author or one of his heroes, etc.), noting the relevant passage.

PRIZES:

There will be three winners, one from each category. Each winner will get a Commemorative Diploma and books by Kazantzakis and/or about Kazantzakis.

The three runners up (one from each category) will receive a Commemorative Diploma of Participation and a souvenir from the Nikos Kazantzakis Museum collection.

All the other participants will receive a Commemorative Diploma of Participation.

PUBLICITY

The three pieces will be posted in the Society's social media and publications, the Press and other Mass Media.

TERMS AND CONDITIONS

1. The competition is for students of any language background, public or private Secondary Education schools in any country of the world, aged 13-18.
2. Participation is individual and each competitor can ONLY submit a project on one of the three aforementioned topics.
3. The language of the work can be English, French, Spanish, German or Greek.
4. The length of short stories must be between 1000 and 1500 words and poems up to 30 lines. The dimensions of the painting should not exceed A3 size.
5. You can find relevant information material in English in our information bulletin 'Synthesis' on our website at: <http://www.amis-kazantzaki.gr/synthesis/Synthesis55EN.pdf>, <http://www.amis-kazantzaki.gr/synthesis/Synthesis56EN.pdf>, <http://www.amis-kazantzaki.gr/synthesis/Synthesis57EN.pdf>, and/or by sending an email to the Honorary Secretary of the Society Ms Sophia Dalabeki @ secretary.siank.gr@gmail.com.
6. **Expressions of interest** must be sent **by 30th January 2023**, to the same email: secretary.siank.gr@gmail.com (and write "Competition" as the subject). Successful applicants will be notified by the end of March 2023.
7. Texts and drawings must be original and not published by or submitted to any other competition and sent no later than **30th May 2023** to the following address:

INTERNATIONAL SOCIETY OF FRIENDS OF NIKOS KAZANTZAKIS
GREEK BRANCH
POST OFFICE BOX 1009,
HERAKLION CRETE 71001,
GREECE

GENERAL

The purpose of the competition is to engage the students with the personality of Nikos Kazantzakis through his life and the study of his work, some excerpts of which are found in the books of Modern Greek Literature and Modern Greek Language and are taught in Secondary Schools in Greece and in Cyprus.

The excerpts can be used as a motivation to study the entire work, focusing on various topics (nature, the child, travel, school, mankind, the world, God, etc.), but also to study other works with the advice of the teaching staff.

BACKGROUND INFORMATION

The International Society of Friends of Nikos Kazantzakis (ISFNK) is an independent international non-profit cultural association. It was founded in 1988 in Geneva, in the presence of Eleni Kazantzakis, George Anemoyiannis, founder of the Nikos Kazantzakis Museum, and the current President and Ambassador of Hellenism, George Stasinakis. Its main purpose is to promote – in various ways and especially with studies – the work and thought of Nikos Kazantzakis (1883-1957).

It publishes the annual review "Le Regard crétois / The Cretan Eye", which contains articles, studies, the author's unpublished works in four languages (French, Greek, English, Spanish), book presentations and reviews. It also publishes the quarterly newsletter "Synthesis" in eight languages. Today, 34 years later, it is active in 131 countries and on five continents and has over 9,000 members who love the Cretan writer and read his work.

The ISFNK is based on volunteers and is always closely involved with young people. For this reason, it gives special importance to events in schools and universities. It has organised many youth competitions in the following countries: Egypt, Australia, Belgium, Bulgaria, Germany, Switzerland, Greece, Canada, Cyprus, Serbia and Turkmenistan. Those who participated were awarded a "Commemorative Diploma". The winners were awarded books written by Nikos Kazantzakis and a trip to Crete.