



Biennale of Illustrations Bratislava at the Slovak National Gallery with a Rich Accompanying Programme and Renowned Illustrators

3 October 2025 – The 30th Jubilee Edition of the BIENNALE OF ILLUSTRATIONS BRATISLAVA 2025 will take place from 4 October 2025 to 11 January 2026 at the Slovak National Gallery. This Slovak cultural gem, the world's largest non-commercial event in the field of children's illustration, is returning to the Slovak National Gallery after almost sixty years. It was here, in 1967, that the history of this internationally prestigious event began.

The international competition and exhibition of original illustrations from books for children and young people, **BIENNALE OF ILLUSTRATIONS BRATISLAVA**, will showcase the very best works created worldwide over the past two years. The event is held with the support of the International Board on Books for Young People (IBBY) and under the auspices of the President of the Slovak Republic, the Ministry of Culture of the Slovak Republic, and the Slovak Commission for UNESCO.

Opening Weekend of BIB – in the Spirit of “Illustrators’ Stars”

The opening programme during the first October weekend of BIB 2025 will feature two Slovak illustration stars. **On Saturday, 4 October, from 12:00**, the award-winning illustrator and painter **Peter Uchnár** will paint directly onto the bodywork of a real car. This artistic “happening” will take place in the gallery's courtyard and will feature fairy-tale and fantastical characters. The public will have a unique opportunity to observe the creation of a professional artwork by a leading Slovak illustrator. This immersive event is organised with the support of SNG's main partner for BIB, Škoda Auto Slovakia.

On the same day, 4 October at 14:00, the first children's workshop will take place, led by another prominent illustrator, Martin Kellenberger, in the gallery's children's studio. Another well-known Slovak illustrator and painter, Milina Zimková, will lead some of the public workshops on subsequent weekends. Art and illustration enthusiasts, both adults and children, can look forward to an exciting programme at the SNG in the coming weeks.

A Rich Accompanying Programme for the Public – from October to Mid-January

Throughout the duration of BIB 2025, art lovers will also be able to visit the accompanying exhibition prepared by the SNG: **Brunovský – Hložník – Kállay: The Labyrinth of Art and the Mirror of the Soul**. The exhibition presents works by Slovak illustrators and painters Vincent Hložník, Albín Brunovský, and Dušan Kállay, who played a significant role in the creation and development of the Slovak school of illustration.



Public Workshops in the SNG Studios

During BIB 2025, the Slovak National Gallery has prepared a special accompanying programme for families with children as well as for adults. Public workshops will take place on weekends in the SNG studios. Places can be reserved by email at vzdelavanie@sng.sk, or visitors can register for a workshop on-site during their gallery visit, subject to availability.

More information on public programmes can be found at:

<https://sng.sk/sk/sng-bratislava/vzdelavanie>

Special Educational Programme for Nurseries, Primary, and Secondary Schools

As part of BIB 2025, the SNG invites nurseries, primary, and secondary schools to register for unique accompanying activities that introduce pupils to the world of illustration and children's book art. Pupils will have the opportunity to explore their creativity and imagination through playful methods and various artistic techniques. Selected workshops will be led by internationally recognised **Slovak illustrators Martin Kellenberger and Milina Zimková**.

More information about the educational programme for schools is available at:

<https://sng.sk/sk/sng-bratislava/vzdelavanie>

School groups can register by email at vzdelavanie@sng.sk, where teachers may also direct any questions.

Exhibition: Biennale of Illustrations Bratislava 2025

Venue: Slovak National Gallery, Riečna 1, Bratislava, 1st floor, Halls I & II

Dates: 11 September 2025 – 11 January 2026

Exhibition: Brunovský – Hložník – Kállay: The Labyrinth of Art and the Mirror of the Soul

Venue: Slovak National Gallery, Riečna 1, Bratislava, Bridge Building, Hall IX

Dates: 11 September 2025 – 11 January 2026

Curators: Martin Vančo, PhD., Juraj Králik, ArtD.

Tickets can be purchased at the SNG box office or online via the gallery's website:

<https://sng.sk/sk/sng-bratislava/navsteva>

On the gallery's website, www.sng.sk, you can also find the current programme of events or subscribe to the newsletter to receive all updates and the latest programme directly by email.

For further information, please contact us at: marketing@sng.sk

