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CELSYS, Inc.

Announcing Our First Worldwide Comic and Illustration Contest for Art School Students!

We are pleased to announce our first International Comic/Manga Schools Contest for students enrolled in an art school or extracurricular art programs studying illustration, comic art, design, fine art, or other similar subjects. This year, we are opening our contest to applicants from all over the world for the first time. The theme of the contest is “gift,” and we look forward to receiving many illustrations and comic submissions.

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International Comic/Manga Schools Contest

Submit your comics or illustrations inspired by the theme of "gift"!
Deadline: May 9, 2019
Wacom Cintiq Pro, cash prizes and more for a total value of \$12,000

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NOW YOU MENTION IT...
HEHE...
OH, NEW MIND...
HEHE...
OVER THERE?
STEP
POP

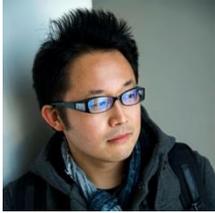
This contest aims to support young creators around the world and encourage more artists to create comics and manga. Contest winners will receive prize money as well as Wacom devices and Clip Studio Paint software to support their art creation, and a chance for their winning artwork to be featured in Japanese media. Building on last year's European Comic Schools Contest, we are expanding the scope this year to accept applicants from anywhere in the world, and submissions to the Comic Category can be in any language.

Judging the competition will be DC Comics' Batman's Javier Fernández and award-winning creators Cameron Stewart, Ken Niimura, and Yoshiyasu Tamura. With their diverse experiences and backgrounds, they will judge the entries to find winners with international appeal. The winning entry in the Comic Category will be translated into English, French, Spanish, German, Japanese, Traditional Chinese, and Korean so that it can be enjoyed by readers all over the world.

With this and future contests, CELSYS will continue providing opportunities and tools that support digital artists in their creative endeavors.

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Comic category:	<p>An original color or black-and-white comic of 8~48 pages</p> <p>Webtoon style comics are also accepted (min. 30 panels, max. 690 x 20,000 pixels in size)</p> <p>Works submitted to the comic category can be in any language. The organizer may translate the comic into other languages for judging and announcing the results.</p>
Illustration category:	An original color illustration
Theme:	Gift (Comic category & Illustration category)
Schedule:	<p>Submission period: January 30~May 9, 2019</p> <p>Results announcement: End of June</p>
How to enter:	<p>After registration by a teacher or leader of an art department/program, students can submit their entries via the submission form.</p> <p>See the official contest site for more details.</p> <p>https://www.clipstudio.net/promotion/comiccontest/en/</p>
Prizes:	<p>Comic Category</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Grand Prix (1 winner) US\$3,300 / 3,000 Euros cash prize Clip Studio Paint EX* Wacom Cintiq Pro 13 ● Silver Prize (2 winners) US\$1,100 / 1,000 Euros cash prize Clip Studio Paint EX* Wacom Cintiq 16 ● Bronze Prize (3-5 winners) Clip Studio Paint EX* <p>Illustration Category</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Grand Prize (1 winner) US\$550 / 500 Euros cash prize Clip Studio Paint PRO* Wacom Cintiq 16 ● Silver Prize (2 winners) US\$220 / 200 Euros cash prize Clip Studio Paint PRO* Wacom Cintiq 16 ● Bronze Prize (3-5 winners) Clip Studio Paint PRO* <p><small>* For those who already have a copy of Clip Studio Paint, points for Clip Studio ASSETS will be awarded to purchase materials and brushes for use in Clip Studio Paint. (https://assets.clip-studio.com/en-us/)</small></p> <div style="display: flex; justify-content: space-around; align-items: center;">   </div>
Judging Panel:	<div style="display: flex; align-items: center;">  <div> <p>Cameron Stewart</p> <p>http://cameron-stewart.tumblr.com/</p> <p>Cameron Stewart is an award-winning comic book writer and artist best known for his work on DC Comics' Batgirl and Fight Club 2, currently living and working in Toronto, Canada.</p> </div> </div>

	 <p>Javier Fernández https://www.instagram.com/javifernandez_comic/</p> <p>Javier Fernández is DC's exclusive comic book artist. Nightwing, Detective Comics or Green Arrow are some of their most recent titles.</p>
	 <p>Ken Niimura http://www.niimuraweb.com</p> <p>Cartoonist and illustrator. His graphic novel "I Kill Giants" was adapted into a live-action feature film in 2017.</p>
	 <p>Yoshiyasu Tamura http://www.tamurayoshiyasu.com/en/index.html</p> <p>Manga artist, illustrator, and painter. His manga, "DEVIL's RELICS" is currently under publication through Glénat Manga in collaboration with Maître GIMS.</p> <p><small>Photo by marfa-vasilieva.com</small></p>
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	 <p>SILENT MANGA AUDITION® http://www.manga-audition.com/</p> <p>SILENT MANGA AUDITION® is one of the biggest and most successful manga competitions in the world. Organized by Coamix, Inc., founded by some of Japan's most iconic manga creators, the competition aims to find, nurture and publish the next generation of international manga creators.</p>
	 <p>Comico (NHN comico Corp.) https://www.comico.net/webtoon/index</p> <p>Comico(NHN comico Corp.) is a comic/novel platform service optimized for smartphones with its vertical interface and fully-colored features. Comico was launched on 31 Oct. 2013. It has over 200 serialized original works, as well as renowned works from other publishers.</p>

	 <p>XFLAG https://xflag.com/en/ XFLAG Studio is dedicated to creating thrilling and extraordinary battle-fueled entertainment that unites friends and families. As part of the mixi Inc. group, their business encompasses games, sports, anime, films, and live events.</p>
	 <p>Solmare Publishing (NTT Solmare Corp.) http://www.nttsolmare.com/e/ NTT Solmare is the company that runs “Comic C’moa”, one of the largest e-book websites in Japan. NTT Solmare’s manga editorial department “Solmare Publishing” creates a variety of manga titles which appeal to foreign and domestic readers.</p>
	 <p>Coolmic (WWWave Corporation) https://coolmic.me/ Coolmic is an online service run by WWWave Corporation. They deliver original comics and anime in digital format. They also accept posts from people who want to become comic artists.</p>
	 <p>No9 Inc. https://no9.co.jp/ With the mission of enriching people’s lives through manga, No9 Inc. is a digital comic agency that strives to maximize the manga market and sales in the digital age through four business pillars: manga agency services, manga app development, crowdfunding, and tax return services.</p>
	 <p>eBOOK Initiative Japan Co.,Ltd. https://www.mangamon.id/ “MangaMon” is an Indonesian e-book distribution service specializing in Japanese manga. They also provide other entertainment such as event planning and the latest in Japanese pop culture news.</p>
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