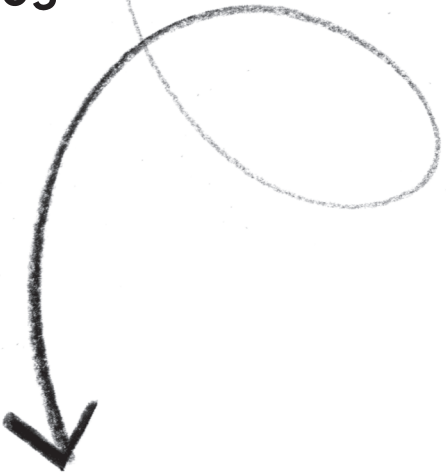


Bolo Klub

Andiamo!
Bologna 2023



Do you have an idea for an illustrated children's picture book? Or are you up for the challenge of making one?

Then now's the time!
Or maybe a bit later
...when you have the time
...or when you think you
might have time



...But don't wait too long—join the Bolo Klub!

For more information

- www.boloklub.ch
- Instagram: @boloklub
- Facebook: boloklub.ch

The Project

The Bolo Klub for illustrators supports an emerging generation of picture-book artists in Switzerland. Over the course of a year, four established illustrators and authors from throughout Switzerland mentor eight aspiring illustrators and help each develop an illustrated-book. The Bolo Klub enables participants to exchange ideas and input, provides networking opportunities with professionals from the publishing world, and sets deadlines for completing a book. The project year will begin with a kickoff workshop in March 2022 and culminate in a visit to the Bologna Children's Book Fair in April 2023, where all project participants will present a finished storyboard and five original illustrations.

Target Group

The Bolo Klub is aimed at Swiss illustrators or illustrators living in Switzerland who aspire to work professionally in the area of visual storytelling through children's books. Applicants must have completed formal training on design fundamentals in the visual arts or illustration. Generally, participants have not yet published a picture book (or just one).

Partners

The Bolo Klub is supported by numerous key players in the professional illustrated book community—including publishers, institutions, and other associations—with whom we engage in a lively dialogue.

Language

Because the Bolo Klub is a nationally funded project that supports illustrators in Switzerland of various linguistic regions, English is used for internal communication and at interregional events. A good level of English is required to participate in the project!

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Key Dates

Please note that all participant commitments below are mandatory:

	2022
Application deadline	January 31
Notification of application results	March 7
Kickoff event	March 12 and 13
Workshop Storyboard	April 23
Workshop Text	June 4
Visit of the BDFIL festival	September 2022
Feedback event at NordSüd pub.	October 2022
	2023
Meeting Portfolio	January 21
Meeting with Syndicom	Digital, February
Main event in Bologna	End of March/beginning of April
Feedback session	May 26

Mentors

The mentors for the program 2022/2023 are: Francesca Sanna, Johanna Schaible, Nadine Spengler, Isabelle Pralong and Katja Alves (mentor for the text).

Selection Criteria

A jury of professionals will select the eight project participants by the beginning of March 2022.

Participants will be chosen based on the following criteria:

- Motivation
- Innovative approach to content or form
- Personal visual language
- Range of projects within the group
- Focus on children as target audience
- Representation of linguistic regions

Cost

The application process is free. After being accepted into the project, the eight participants will each be charged CHF 500 to cover project expenses including the trip to Bologna (travel and accommodation). The cost of materials and excursions within Switzerland are not covered.

Amici

Would you like to be involved with the Bolo Klub without joining the core group? Then be part of the amici, we will inform you by e-mail about the jour fixe dates where you can come according to your wishes!

The Bolo Klub's jour fixe meetings provide a platform for picture book illustrators to exchange ideas. Jour fixe are open to Bolo members and amici. They take place every two months, each time in a different location across Switzerland's linguistic regions. Anyone who attends can present a work in progress and receive feedback from the group.

If you are interested in being part of the amici group, just fill out the application form, tick the box marked "amici" and send it back to us.

Application

Please e-mail us the following documents by January 31, 2022:

1. A completed and signed → application form
2. In a PDF, short motivation letter about your book idea included
 - a short description of the project (up to 1500 characters)
 - a mini-storyboard
 - 2–3 sample illustrations (with notes on how they were made)
 - short curriculum vitae and mention of possible publications

Questions?

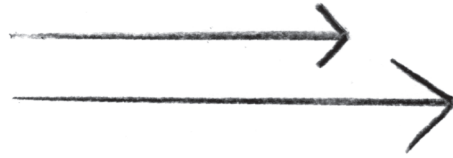
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*just let's do it!
NOW*

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→ **Application Form**

Deadline: January 31, 2022

First Name | Last Name

Street | No.

Postal Code | City

Telephone No.

Email Address

Website Address

Education

name of school and study program, year of graduation

Mother tongue

Other languages

English level

I'm signing in as: Member of Bolo Klub 2022/2023 Amici

Commitment

I will actively develop my book project in the group. By April 2023, I will have completed a book mock-up for presentation and at least five original illustrations. I will invest the time needed to do this—regardless of the personal cost involved. I will attend all meetings and excuse myself in advance if I am ill or truly unable to attend an event. I will not give up. I will do my best to share my process and content on the Bolo Klub social media. I kindly allow all work I produce during the project and all photos taken for documentation purposes to be exhibited.* Naturally, all rights to my work belong to and remain with me.

* To be used only for exhibitions or marketing purposes.
This applies only to members of the core group and not to amici.

Date:

Signature:
