



Dear Juliet Prize 2022

Dear Giulietta, Verona: with love from Claudia, Smriti, Francesca, Aleksey...

The Dear Juliet award is dedicated to the letters that reach the Shakespearean heroine from all over the world, a symbol of love par excellence, will be awarded in Verona at the Piccolo Teatro di Giulietta, with entrance from Teatro Nuovo, on Saturday 12 February 2022 at 5.30 pm.

“There are those who love too little, those who love too long, those who do it with many tears and those without a sigh,” wrote Oscar Wilde to describe the most beautiful and painful, mysterious and universal feeling that unites human beings in every corner of the planet. There are so many love stories told to Juliet of Verona that, among the thousand letters that arrive each year, a handful of beautiful letters are chosen, from which Juliet’s secretaries decide to award as a symbol of this extraordinary epistolary phenomenon.

With the patronage and collaboration of the **Department of Culture of the Municipality of Verona**, the **Dear Juliet Award** is conceived by the **Juliet Club** that for many years has been keeping alive the activity of receiving and replying to letters addressed to the Shakespearean heroine. This year, in its thirtieth edition, the prize will be awarded at the **Piccolo Teatro di Giulietta** with entrance from Teatro Nuovo on **Saturday 12 February 2022 at 5.30 pm.**

“Fortunately, the letters to Juliet are not affected by the pandemic and they allow us not to interrupt a long tradition such as that of reading and rewarding the most beautiful words that tell of happy and unhappy tales of love linked to Verona and to the feeling that our city represents thanks to the Shakespearean myth,” says the Councilor for Culture **Francesca Briani**.

The winners will receive an exclusive Special Edition Box with fountain pen and ink from the Fine Writing Collection of **Pelikan**, an icon of handwriting that has always been a privileged means to express the feelings of love, and Amarone della Valpolicella from **Cantina Villa San Carlo**, a typical expression of the Veronese wine tradition and an authentic symbol of love and passion in the glass.

The event includes the reading of the most beautiful letters from the past 12 months and live music by **Aloud College** students. The winners will be hosted at the **Hotel Due Torri** to spend Valentine’s weekend in this prestigious location in the heart of Verona.

The winners of this thirtieth edition are;

Claudia from Portugal, who passed through Spain where she met her great and only love, then came to Italy to attend an internship at the School of Ballet in Rome.

Francesca who painfully entrusts Juliet with a wonderful letter of yearning for lost love.

And then the Nepalese **Smriti** who lives and works in Nice but retreated from a complicated love to follow her desires for something greater.

From a distance, will also be awarding **Aleksey** who from Kazakhstan who addresses his letter as a disappointed and hopeful boy in search of his Juliet. “Writing in sunny Italy, in the city of love, Verona! And as I write, I believe that something is going to happen. I want to find true love, my Juliet. And even if she is on the other side of the world, I will write her letters, find her and fly to her.”

Their letters, which for now are top-secret, will be read during the key event on 12 February at the Piccolo Teatro di Giulietta.

In an era defined by the distance between people, the letters to Juliet represent a bridge that through writing unites languages, cultures and universal feelings.

The award ceremony will take place in person, with mandatory super greenpass and free admission by reservation: info@julietclub.com

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