

# HANS CHRISTIAN ANDERSEN

## FAIRY TALE BAY | WRITING CONTEST



### Hans Christian ANDERSEN

(April 2, 1805 – August 4, 1875)

Hans Christian Anderson was a Danish author and poet, most famous for his fairy tales. Among his best-known stories are “The Snow Queen,” “The Little Mermaid,” “Thumbelina,” “The Little Match Girl,” “The Ugly Duckling,” and “The Red Shoes.” During Andersen’s lifetime he was respected by royalty and acclaimed for having brought joy to children across Europe. His fairy tales have been translated into over 150 languages and continue to be published in millions of copies all over the world inspiring many other works.

Andersen was also a poet, and his verse has been set to music by such composers as Grieg, Nielsen and Schumann. Among musical adaptations are Prokofiev’s song The Ugly Duckling, Mary Rodgers’ musical Once Upon a Mattress (based on “The Princess and the Pea”), and Disney’s animated feature The Little Mermaid.

### TRIVIA

- 🦄 His birthday, 2 April, is celebrated as International Children’s Book Day.
- 🦄 A Shanghai theme park based on his fairy tales opened at the end of 2006.
- 🦄 Andersen made 30 long journeys in his life, which inspired his novels and fairy tales. He traveled to Germany, England, Italy (**Sestri Levante — Santa Cruz Sister City**), Spain and Turkey.
- 🦄 Two museums, “H.C. Andersen Hus” and “H.C. Andersen Barndomshjem”, are dedicated to him and his work in his hometown Odense.
- 🦄 Unlike many writers, he was widely popular during his lifetime. In 1867, he was appointed Councilor of State in his native Denmark and became Honorary Citizen in Odense.

## 2025 RULES AND DEADLINES

### HANS CHRISTIAN ANDERSEN WRITING CONTEST

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### DEADLINE

Entries are due **March 1, 2025**. Postmark will confirm sending date.

## 2025 REGLAS Y FECHAS LÍMITES

### CONCURSO DE ESCRITURA HANS CHRISTIAN ANDERSEN

Aupiciado por Sestri Levante, Italia y el Comité de Ciudades Hermanas de Santa Cruz

### FECHA LÍMITE

El último día para enviar los escritos es **1 de marzo 2025**. Si se envía por correo, el sello postal va a con irmar la fecha de envío.



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# 2025 RULES AND DEADLINES

### WHO MAY ENTER?

Residents of the City of Santa Cruz and students enrolled in Santa Cruz City Schools.

### AGE DIVISIONS

**3–5 years:** Group entries

**6–10 years:** Individual or group entries

**11–16 years:** Individual or group entries

**Over 16 years:** Individual entries only

**Participants may submit more than one entry.**

### SUBJECT

A **fable** or **fairy tale** which is original and unpublished.

### LENGTH

Entries must be typed, **no more than 3 typed pages**, double-spaced, size 12 font with title.

### LABELING

The entries must be titled **but not signed**. The name of the author(s), birthdate, age group, address, and telephone number/email should be indicated on an **index card** enclosed in a sealed envelope on which is written the title of the entry. The envelope should be inserted with the copy of the entry in its sending envelope and mailed or dropped off to:

### Hans Christian Andersen Contest

Santa Cruz Sister Cities Committee  
City of Santa Cruz Parks & Recreation  
323 Church Street | Santa Cruz, CA 95060

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### AWARDS

#### Local

Gift certificates of \$50 or 1st prize; \$30 or 2nd; \$20 or 3rd in each category and certificates of participation or all entries.

#### Sestri Levante

**3–5 years:** Games valued at \$1,000.

**6–10** and **11–16:** Gift Certificates and 1,000 euros (approximately \$1,200).

**Over 16:** Certificate and 2,500 euros (approximately \$3,000).

The author of the best fable in a foreign language (other than Italian) will win a weekend for two in Sestri. Transportation is not provided.

**Please call the Sister Cities Committee at 831.420.5270 if you have additional questions.**



# 2025 REGLAS Y FECHAS LÍMITES

### ¿QUIENES PUEDEN PARTICIPAR?

Los residentes de la ciudad de Santa Cruz o los residentes de otras ciudades que asisten a una escuela dentro de la ciudad de Santa Cruz.

### DIVISIONES

**3–5 años:** Participación en grupo

**6–10 años:** Participación individual o en grupo

**11–16 años:** Participación individual o en grupo

**Más de 16 años:** Participación individual solamente

**Los participantes pueden presentar más de un escrito.**

### TEMA

Una **Fábula** o **cuento** el cual sea original y no publicado.

### TAMAÑO

**No más de 3 páginas** tipada, a doble espacio, letra de tamaño 12 con el título (incluido).

### TÍTULO

Los escritos deben tener título **pero no deben firmarse**. El nombre del autor (res), fecha de nacimiento, edad del grupo, dirección, teléfono/email debe de indicarse en una **tarjeta index** dentro de un sobre cerrado en el cual se debe poner el título del escrito. El sobre y la copia del escrito deben adjuntarse en otro sobre para ser enviado:

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### PREMIOS

#### Local

Certificados de regalo de primer premio de \$50, segundo premio de \$30 y tercer premio de \$20 en cada categoría y certificados de participación para todos los autores.

#### Sestri Levante

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**6–10** y **11–16:** Certificado y 1,000 euros (aproximadamente \$1,200).

**Más de 16:** Certificado y 2,500 euros (aproximadamente \$3,000).

El autor de la mejor fábula en idioma extranjero (diferente a Italiano) va a ganar un fin de semana para dos en Sestri. No incluye transporte.

**Si tiene preguntas, favor de llamar al Comité de las Ciudades Hermanas, al 831.420.5270.**

