The Bologna Children’s Book Fair and Fundación SM, both active in the field of education and the promotion of children’s books, set up the Bologna Children’s Book Fair – Fundación SM International Award for Illustration in 2009 with the aim of unearthing, nurturing and supporting new talents in illustration.

Open to artists aged under 35 whose work has been selected for the Illustrators Exhibition, the prize for the winner is a cheque for 15 thousand euros which is intended to provide the winning illustrator with the peace of mind to create, over the course of one year, an illustrated book that will be published and launched on the global market by the Spanish publisher SM. The original illustrations will then be presented at a solo exhibition at the following year’s edition of the Bologna Children’s Book Fair. This year’s winner was announced on Wednesday 10 April 2024 at the Illustrators Café during the 61st edition of the Bologna Children’s Book Fair.

The Jury comprising Philip Giordano (illustrator, Italy), Ayami Morizumi Cometti (Itabashi Art Museum, Japan), Sara Rioja Gutiérrez (Designer SM Madrid, Spain) awarded the 14th International Award for Illustration Bologna Children’s Book Fair – Fundación SM to the Brazilian illustrator Henrique Moreira.

Henrique Moreira is 25 years old, Illustrator, graduated in Graphic Design. Henrique is very interested in exploring how to communicate stories with illustrations, especially working with silent books.