



A selection of photos from the fifteenth Beni Trutmann contest went on display today, Monday, April 24 at 8.00pm, in the municipal gallery of Sant Francesc's old town hall building. The evening also included prizes for this year's winners. The exhibition runs through next Friday, May 5, with weekday hours from 11.00am to 2.00pm and again from 6.00 to 8.00pm.

From the outset, the Beni Trutmann competition has leveraged Formentera's natural surroundings—landscapes, flora and fauna, humans in nature—as a way to promote a commitment to the environment. The competition, according to culture councillor Susana Labrador, “was initially conceived as an homage to Beni Trutmann himself, who was absolutely instrumental for Formentera”. The photographer left the island with an archive of more than thirty thousand prints reflecting a deep love of Formentera's natural beauty.

Thirty-nine people took part in this year's competition, with the 92 submitted prints spread across two categories: black and white and colour. The category for smartphone snapshots, restricted to youth aged 12 to 18, had 10 hopefuls with 28 submissions in the running. The following prize winners were unanimously selected by a panel of judges.

Black and white photos

First prize: €500 for Jose Antonio Arribas
Second prize: €300 Jaime Franch Rojo
Third Prize: €200 for Álvaro Raúl Mendoza

Colour photos

First prize: €500 for Natalia Iglesias Diez
Second prize: €300 for José López Vañó
Third prize: €200 for Maurizio Lamberti

Smartphone snapshots (names are pseudonyms)

First prize: Polaroid SNAP for Maia

Second prize: Polaroid Cube for El ocase

Third prize: IF045 sport camera for Rotfort

Councillor Parellada saluted all participants for their efforts and noted the high quality of this year's submissions had made the jury's task of choosing winners particularly difficult.