

Basic Detail Report

1977. The 31st Strega Prize held in The

Nymphaeum at The Villa Giulia.

Date

1977-1977

Medium

gelatin silver print

Description

The Strega Prize is the most prestigious Italian literary award. It has been awarded annually since 1947 for the best work of prose fiction by an Italian author and first published between 1 May of the previous year and 30 April. In 1944 Maria and Goffredo Bellonci started to host a literary salon at their home in Rome. These Sunday gatherings of writers, artists and intellectuals grew to include many of the most notable figures of Italian cultural life. The group became known as the Amici della Domenica, or 'Sunday Friends'. In 1947 the Belloncis, together with Guido Alberti, owner of the firm which produces the Strega liqueur, decided to inaugurate a prize for fiction, the winner being chosen by the Sunday friends. The activities of the Bellonci circle and the institution of the prize were seen as marking a tentative return to 'normality' in Italian cultural life: a feature of the reconstruction which followed the years of Fascism, war, occupation and liberation. The Villa Giulia is located in an area of Rome which was known as Old Vine, just outside the Aurelian Walls

Dimensions

Overall: 20.9 x 30.4 cm (8 2/8 x 12 in.)