Dalkey Archive Receives €60,000 EU Grant

Dalkey Archive Press has received a major grant from the European Union’s Education, Audiovisual & Culture Executive Agency as part of its Creative Europe Program. Only a handful of presses receive grants each year within this program that fosters translations and exchanges among countries. With offices in Illinois, Texas, and Ireland, Dalkey Archive fulfills its mission to create an international forum for the publication and discussion of literature from around the world.

The Press’s Publisher, John O’Brien, said in reaction to the news: “This is great news. Together with other support, this grant will allow us to publish ten works of fiction from Eastern Europe, where some of today’s best fiction is being written.”

The award of €60,000 ($67,250) will be used to publish fiction from several Eastern European countries and allows Dalkey Archive to publish a diverse list of writers from these underrepresented countries and to foster intercultural exchanges. As often as possible, Dalkey will engage translators who have participated in its certificate program at the University of Houston-Victoria.

Dalkey Archive’s translators have won numerous awards, among them the Independent Foreign Fiction Prize, the National Translation Award, the Helen and Kurt Wolff Translator’s Prize, and the Vondel Translation Prize.

Translations for the works will be submitted in 2017. Initial marketing and promotion efforts will begin in 2016. The final books will be published beginning in February 2018.

A nonprofit publisher founded in 1980 in Chicago, Dalkey Archive Press has well over 400 translations in print from 47 different countries, and as of this date in 2016 Dalkey publishes more translations than any other publisher in the United States or the UK.

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