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Kalpna Singh-Chitnis Awarded at the 30th Poseidonia–Paestum International Poetry Prize in Italy

Paestum, Italy — May 20, 2025 — Renowned Indian-American poet, filmmaker, and literary activist **Kalpna Singh-Chitnis** has been awarded First Prize (Foreign Poets Section) at the prestigious **30th Poseidonia–Paestum International Poetry Prize** for her poem “*Lipstick*,” translated into Italian as “*Il rossetto*” by acclaimed Albanian-Italian poet and translator **Irma Kurti**.

The **International Poetry Prize Poseidonia–Paestum** is a distinguished literary award held annually in the historic archaeological setting of **Paestum**, in the **Salerno province of Italy**. The prize recognizes outstanding contributions to poetry on an international scale. The 2025 jury honored Singh-Chitnis for her poetic excellence and depth, selecting her work from a broad pool of international submissions.

“I sincerely thank the jury and the organizing committee of the Premio Internazionale di Poesia Poseidonia–Paestum for this meaningful recognition of my poetic work, and for inviting me to Italy to receive this award in a setting as rich in history and beauty as Paestum,” says **Kalpna Singh-Chitnis**

Singh-Chitnis also extended her heartfelt thanks to **Irma Kurti**, who has translated several of her works and curated interviews for Italian and Albanian readers.

The official awards ceremony will take place on **July 5, 2025**, in the historic ruins of Paestum, with attendees from the political, cultural, and artistic spheres of Italy and abroad. Honorees will also participate in curated cultural experiences celebrating the region’s classical heritage and literary legacy. The awardees will be hosted by the **Lions Club** and **Leo Club** and enjoy generous hospitality at the grand **Savoy Beach Hotel**.

Kalpna Singh-Chitnis is the author of *Trespassing My Ancestral Lands*, *Love Letters to Ukraine from Uyava*, *Bare Soul*, and other collections of poems. Her work has been translated into multiple languages. She is an active member of the **United Nations Association of the USA** and the recipient of numerous accolades and awards for her contributions to literature, film, and creative activism.

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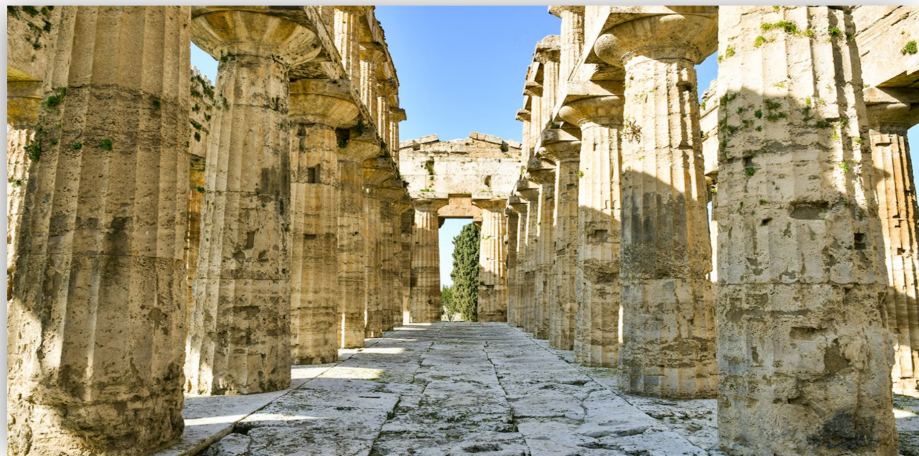
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Poseidonia-Paestum International Poetry Prize 2025

The 30th **Premio Internazionale di Poesia Poseidonia-Paestum First Prize** has been awarded to
"Lipstick," by Kalpna Singh-Chitnis, translated into Italian as "**Il rossetto**," by Irma Kurti

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Gentile poeta Kalpna Singh – Chitnis siamo lieti di comunicarLe che la Giuria della *XXX^a Edizione del Premio Internazionale di Poesia Poseidonia –Paestum* , dopo attento esame dei lavori pervenuti, Le ha conferito il seguente riconoscimento:

I PREMIO (Sez. Poeti Stranieri)
per la lirica: "*Il rossetto*"

La Cerimonia di premiazione, alla presenza di autorità del mondo politico , della cultura e dello spettacolo, si svolgerà a *Paestum sabato 5 Luglio 2025, alle ore 20,30 nel suggestivo scenario dell'Area Archeologica.*