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Press release

Contemporary art - France

THE MARCEL DUCHAMP PRIZE

Artists nominated for the 2012 prize:

Valérie FAVRE - DEWAR & GICQUEL
Bertrand LAMARCHE - Franck SCURTI

Created in 2000 by the ADIAF in the aim of promoting the **French artistic scene**, each year the Marcel Duchamp Prize honours a French artist or an artist residing in France working in the field of the plastic and visual arts. The ambition of this collectors' prize, organized **in partnership with the Centre Pompidou**, is to bring together the most innovative artists of their generation and contribute to raising their profile on the international scene. **Gilles Fuchs**, President of the ADIAF, Association for the International Diffusion of French Art, has announced the names of the artists selected for the 2012 Marcel Duchamp Prize. This summer, an exhibition will be held at the **Château de Tours**, then in October at the **FIAC**. Chosen by an international jury, the **award winner will be announced on Saturday, the 20th of October 2012** and then invited by the Centre Pompidou for a **solo show in the 315 space** during Autumn 2013. The ADIAF will present him or her with a financial endowment of **35 000 Euros**.

Valérie FAVRE, born in 1959
Painting - Galerie Jocelyn Wolff, Paris
www.galeriewolff.com

Daniel DEWAR & Grégory GICQUEL, born in 1976 and 1975
Sculpture, Installation - Galerie Loevenbruck, Paris
www.loevenbruck.com

Bertrand LAMARCHE, born in 1966
Installation - Galerie Poggi, Paris
www.galeriepoggi.com

Franck SCURTI, born in 1967
Sculpture, Installation - Galerie Michel Rein, Paris
www.michelrein.com



Gilles Fuchs, President of the ADIAF during the announcement of the nominees in the company of Florence Guerlain, Vice-president of the ADIAF and Alain Seban, President of the Centre Pompidou

Jury for the 2012 Marcel Duchamp Prize

Michel DELFOSSE (Belgium) - Collector

Gilles FUCHS (France), President of the ADIAF, Collector

Jacqueline MATISSE-MONNIER (France, United States) - Artist

Fumio NANJO (Japan) – Director of the Mori Art Museum, Tokyo

Alfred Pacquement (France), Director of the National Museum of Modern Art, Centre Pompidou, President of the jury

Béatrix RUF (Germany) – Director of the Kunsthalle in Zürich

Muriel SALEM (Great Britain) - Collector

Upcoming events

CHATEAU DE TOURS: Exhibition of the artists from the 2012 Marcel Duchamp Prize

29th of June to 15th September 2012 at Tours

Since last year, the nominated artists are now showcased in different regions of France. After the LaM (Lille's Metropolitan Museum of Contemporary Art), it is the turn of the city of Tours, located in the heart of the Touraine and Loire Valley region, to open the doors of its château this summer, as from the 29th of June.

FIAC: Exhibition of the artists from the Marcel Duchamp Prize and announcement of the winner for 2012

18th to 21st of October 2012 at the Grand Palais

Since 2005, every year the FIAC hosts an exhibition of the nominated artists. The international jury will get together during the fair and will be announcing **the name of the winner on Saturday, the 20th of October** under the dome of the Grand Palais.

CENTRE POMPIDOU: Award ceremony and exhibition of the 2012 winner

Autumn 2013, Espace 315 s

Partner for the ADIAF since the very beginning, **the CENTRE POMPIDOU** will be inviting the winner for a three month solo show. The ADIAF will present the artist with a financial endowment of 35 000 Euros and will participate in the production of the work.

The Marcel Duchamp Prize continues its international tour, this time in Germany

Following exhibitions organized in 2011 **in Tokyo** at the Mori Art Museum (350 000 visitors) and **Seoul** at the National Museum of Contemporary Art (150 000 visitors), a new exhibition is being programmed at the **Kunsthalle in Düsseldorf from the 6th of July to the 9th of September 2012.**

The exhibition, *LES ESPACES DE MEMOIRE* (Erinnerungsräume –The Spaces of Memory) will be presenting six artists from the Marcel Duchamp Prize: Kader Attia (nominated in 2005), Mircea Cantor (winner in 2011), Cyprien Gaillard (winner in 2010), Dominique Gonzalez-Foerster (winner in 2002), Anri Sala (nominated in 2002) and Tatiana Trouvé (winner in 2007).

An overview of the ADIAF

www.adiaf.com

Created in 1994, the ADIAF – Association for the International Diffusion of French Art - groups together nearly 300 collectors of contemporary art all strongly committed to the adventure of creation. Its mission is to help raise the profile of the French scene worldwide through the MARCEL DUCHAMP PRIZE and make a wider public aware of the vitality of contemporary creation.

Winners of the MARCEL DUCHAMP PRIZE

Thomas HIRSCHHORN (2000), Dominique GONZALEZ-FOERSTER (2002), Mathieu MERCIER (2003), Carole BENZAKEN (2004), Claude CLOSKY (2005), Philippe MAYAUX (2006), Tatiana TROUVÉ (2007), Laurent GRASSO (2008), Saâdane AFIF (2009), Cyprien GAILLARD (2010) and Mircea CANTOR (2011).

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