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Press release

Contemporary art - France

2015 MARCEL DUCHAMP PRIZE

Artists nominated for the 15th edition

Daive BALULA (born in 1978)

Neïl BELOUFA (born in 1985)

Melik OHANIAN (born in 1969)

Zineb SEDIRA (born in 1963)

Created in 2000 by the ADIAF (Association for the International Diffusion of French Art) in the aim of raising the international profile of the French artistic scene, each year the Marcel Duchamp Prize honours a winner from among four French artists or artists residing in France working in the field of the plastic and visual arts. The ambition of this collector's prize, organized in partnership with the Centre Pompidou, is to bring together the most innovative artists of their generation and help them to develop their visibility in France and worldwide. On the 5th of February at ARTCURIAL, Gilles Fuchs, President of the ADIAF, revealed the names of the four artists nominated for the 2015 Marcel Duchamp Prize:

Daive BALULA, born in 1978 in Annecy

Painter (Process painting)

Lives and works in New York

Galerie frank elbaz, Paris

Neïl BELOUFA, born in 1985 in Paris

Installationist

Lives and works in Paris

Galerie Balice Hertling, Paris

Melik OHANIAN, born in 1969 in Lyon

Photographer-video maker

Lives and works in Paris and New York

Galerie Chantal Crousel, Paris

Zineb SEDIRA, born in 1963 in Paris

Photographer

Lives and works between Paris, London and

Algiers

Galerie kamel mennour, Paris

Two exhibitions are programmed this year for the four artists from the Marcel Duchamp Prize:

- **At Nîmes in partnership with the Carré d'Art** which will host the Marcel Duchamp Prize in the museum. The curatorship is ensured by Jean-Marc Prévost, Director of the Carré d'Art. Private View the 25th of June, exhibition until 1st of November 2015.
- **At the FIAC** from the 22nd to 25th of October where the artists will be present, as every year, in the Marcel Duchamp Prize space.

The winner will be chosen by an international jury and announced on Saturday, 24th of October in the Grand Palais.

The winning artist will be invited by the Centre Pompidou for a solo show programmed for spring 2016.

The ADIAF will give the winner a **financial endowment of 35 000 euros**.

A catalogue will be published of the four nominated artists.

Members of the selection committee for 2015

Claude Bonnin, Philippe Dolfi, Estelle Francès,
Gilles Fuchs, Dorith Galuz, Thierry Gontier,
Michèle Guyot-Roze, Christine Macel,
Jean-Pierre Pont, Didier Saulnier and Akemi Shiraha.

2015 International Jury

Bernard BLISTÈNE (France), Director of the Musée national d'art moderne, Centre Pompidou, Paris;

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

Didier GRUMBACH (France), Collector;

Hou HANRU (China-France), Artistic Director of Maxxi, National Museum of 20th Century Art, Rome;

Jacqueline MATISSE-MONNIER (France-United States) - Marcel Duchamp Association;

Giuliana SETARI-CARUSI (Italy), Collector;

René ZEHLIN (Germany), Director of the Wilhelm Hack Museum, Ludwigshafen.

The ADIAF in brief, www.adiaf.com

Created in 1994, the ADIAF – Association for the International Diffusion of French Art – groups together 350 contemporary art collectors strongly committed to the adventure of creation. Its mission: help raise the international profile of the French scene through the MARCEL DUCHAMP PRIZE and make a wider public more 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), Mircea CANTOR (2011), Daniel DEWAR et Grégory GICQUEL (2012), Latifa ECHAKHCH (2013) and Julien PREVIEUX (2014).

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