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Press release

## From Paris to Shanghai MARCEL DUCHAMP PRIZE 4 artists nominated for the 2009 edition

Saâdane AFIF, born in 1970 – sculpture, installations  
Damien DEROUBAIX, born in 1972- painting  
Nicolas MOULIN, born in 1970 - vidéo  
Philippe PERROT, born in 1967 - painting

Chosen by a selection committee comprised of 11 collectors from the ADIAF, the names of the four artists nominated for the 9<sup>th</sup> edition of the Marcel Duchamp Prize were announced on the 17th of March at Artcurial by Gilles Fuchs, President of the ADIAF, Association for the International Diffusion of French art.

As every year, an exhibition of the nominated artists will take place at the FIAC on the invitation of the Paris Contemporary Art Fair's organizers. Chosen by an international jury, the winner - to be announced on the 24th of October next - will be invited by the CENTRE POMPIDOU, National Museum of Modern Art, for a one-person show during the summer of 2010. The ADIAF will award the winning artist with a financial endowment of 35 000 euros.

The 2009 edition is to be marked by an outstanding event: The French Pavilion at the 2010 SHANGHAI Universal Exhibition has decided to invite the 2009 Marcel Duchamp Prize artists to China as representatives of French contemporary art. The exhibition will be organized from the 1<sup>st</sup> to the 30<sup>th</sup> of June 2010 in accordance with the procedures to be confirmed and with the support of Sanofi-Aventis, a partner of the Marcel Duchamp Prize since 2008.

## **Jury of the 2009 Marcel Duchamp Prize**

James Cottrell, Collector (United States)  
Gilles Fuchs, President of the ADIAF (France)  
Dakis Joannou, Collector (Greece)  
Kasper König, Director of the Ludwig Museum, Cologne (Germany)  
Charlotte Laubard, Director of the CAPC Bordeaux  
Jacqueline Matisse-Monnier, Artist (France, United States)  
Alfred Pacquement, Director National Museum of Modern Art, Centre Pompidou (France)

Gilles Fuchs states that "Since its creation, the ADIAF's ambition has been to defend French art and contribute to the international promotion of our country's artistic scene. I am delighted by this invitation which will allow Chinese collectors and visitors to get to know and better understand the French artistic sensibility through some of its most innovative and contemporary forms".

For his part, José Frèches, President of the 'Compagnie Française pour l'Exposition de Shanghai' specifies that "The Pavilion will be the tangible demonstration of France's capacity for innovation, in particular in the domain of cultural promotion. Alongside works loaned by the Musée d'Orsay and the Musée Guimet, the Marcel Duchamp Prize will illustrate to what extent contemporary French art is a real laboratory of creation".

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The MARCEL DUCHAMP PRIZE was created in 2000 by the ADIAF, Association for the International Diffusion of French Art, which is the most important group of contemporary art collectors in France today. Its ambition is to contribute to the international promotion of the French artistic scene by honouring the reputation of an artist residing in France. In keeping with the essential artist from whom it takes its name, this prize means to bring together the most innovative artists of their generation working in all the new artistic forms that stimulate creation: installation, video, painting, photography, sculpture ... It is organized in partnership with the National Museum of Modern Art, Centre Pompidou and with the FIAC, the Paris international Art Fair.

Winners of the MARCEL DUCHAMP PRIZE:

Thomas Hirschhorn (2000-2001), Dominique Gonzalez-Foerster (2002), Mathieu Mercier (2003), Carole Benzaken (2004), Claude Closky (2005), Philippe Mayaux (2006), Tatiana Trouvé (2007), Laurent Grasso (2008).

The Marcel Duchamp Prize benefits from the support of the firms:  
Lombard Odier, Sanofi-Aventis,  
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## **Marcel Duchamp Prize: upcoming events**

*June 2009, Paris*

### **Exhibition by Laurent Grasso, winner of the 2008 Marcel Duchamp Prize**

Centre Pompidou, Space 315

Private view 16<sup>th</sup> of June, exhibition from 17<sup>th</sup> of June to 14<sup>th</sup> of September 2009

*October 2009, Paris*

### **Exhibition of the artists nominated for the 2009 Marcel Duchamp Prize**

FIAC, Cour Carrée of the Louvre

22<sup>nd</sup> to 25<sup>th</sup> of October 2009

Announcement of the winner: Saturday, 24<sup>th</sup> of October

*June 2010, Shanghai*

### **Exhibition of the artists nominated for the 2009 Marcel Duchamp Prize**

Universal Exhibition of Shanghai, French Pavilion

1<sup>st</sup> to 30<sup>th</sup> of June 2010

*Summer 2010, Paris*

### **Exhibition of the winner of the 2009 Marcel Duchamp Prize**

Centre Pompidou, Space 315

Mid-June to September 2010\*