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Kapwani Kiwanga The laureate of Prix Marcel Duchamp 2020

The Jury for the 2020 Marcel Duchamp Prize convened on Monday, the 19th of October 2020, to choose the laureate for the 2020 Marcel Duchamp Prize from among the four artists nominated for this edition: Alice Anderson, Hicham Berrada, Kapwani Kiwanga and Enrique Ramírez. The Jury made its deliberations following a presentation of the artists by their reporters respectively: Annabelle Gugnon, Jean-Jacques Aillagon, Emanuele Coccia, and Angeles Álonso Espinosa.

The Jury comprised of 7 personalities - Bernard Blistène, Gilles Fuchs, Chris Dercon, Michèle Guyot-Roze, Gitte Ørskou, Akemi Shiraha, and Marie-Cécile Zinsou has awarded the 2020 Marcel Duchamp Prize to Kapwani Kiwanga. Born in 1978 in Hamilton, Canada, she lives and works in Paris. She is represented by the galleries Jérôme Poggi, Paris, Goodman, Johannesburg and Tanja Wagner, Berlin.

"The richness and complexity of Kapwani Kiwanga's project, bordering on a reflection between anthropology and art, opens up a vast poetic and political program, a true laboratory of today's thought on memory and archives as sources of the world's transfiguration.", Bernard Blistène, Director of the Musée national d'art moderne - Centre Pompidou.

"What a long way we have come since twenty years ago, when the ADIAF decided to swing into action for the French scene! Today, the Marcel Duchamp Prize embodies an open and pluralist spirit perfectly illustrated by the laureate of this 20th edition", Gilles Fuchs, Président de l'Association pour la diffusion internationale de l'art français (ADIAF).

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