

Press Release

Best European Artists' Books Recognized

Winners announced for the European artist's book competition "Artists' Books on Tour"

On Monday, 27 June 2011 at the MAK in Vienna, an international jury announced the winners of the Europe-wide artist's book competition Artists' Books on Tour: among 158 projects from 26 European countries, works by five artists were chosen as winners and recognized with prizes of € 2,000 each; 45 further works received honorable mentions.

The artist's book competition represents the climax of the EU-sponsored project "Artists' Books on Tour – Artist Competition and Mobile Museum," initiated in June 2010 by the MAK in Vienna together with the UPM – Museum of Decorative Arts in Prague and the MGLC International Centre of Graphic Arts in Ljubljana; the objective was to place the hitherto little-noticed genre of the artist's book more firmly at the center of interest as an independent art form. The competition Artists' Books on Tour was mounted to encourage artists to devote their attention to the theme of the artist's book and its manifold aesthetic forms of expression. The artist's book is understood here as a holistic artwork capable of communicating a message.

Up to 2 May 2011, artists from all over Europe were invited to submit their contributions to the book medium in either paper or digital form. Conceptual designs for as yet unrealized projects were also accepted. A major aim of the competition was to gain an overview of Europe-wide creative work in the artist's book genre. A total of 925 projects from all over Europe were submitted to the artist's book competition Artists' Books on Tour. Of these, 158 projects entered the final round following three days of preliminary deliberations by the jury.

As a further central element of the project, the MAK is updating and expanding its database of illustrated books. Its holdings of this type, comprised of around 2,000 objects representing various artistic movements ranging from the Vienna Secession, Russian Constructivism and Viennese Actionism to contemporary works, will be digitized and made accessible online to the general public.

The winning projects of the competition Artists' Books on Tour will be shown along with those recognized by honorable mentions in the form of a mobile museum which will make stops in Vienna, Prague and Ljubljana between October 2011 and May 2012. At the MAK in Vienna, the exhibition *Artists' Books on Tour – Artist Competition and Mobile Museum* will be shown from 12 October 2011 to 8 January 2012 in the MAK Works on Paper Room.

The international jury, consisting of graphic designer Jianping He, MAK Interim Director Martina Kandeler-Fritsch, artist Florian Pumhösl and Maria White, Chief Cataloguer at the Tate Library in London—artist Lawrence Weiner unfortunately had to cancel his participation at short notice due to illness—recognized projects submitted by the following artists:

Winning projects (awarded € 2,000 each):

Katarzyna Wolny (Poland)
Lien Buysens (Belgium)
Julie Kačerovská (Czech Republic)
Elena Peytchinska (Austria)
Matthias Krinzinger (Austria)

Honorable mentions:

Veronika Schäpers (Germany)
Rainer Fest (Germany)
Sky Nash (United Kingdom)
Beatrix Mapalagama (Austria)
Cristoph Rothmeier (Germany)
Amélie Dubois (France)
Patrick Sauze (France)
Libby Scarlett (United Kingdom)
Edith Kollath (Germany)
Katrin Herzner (Germany)
José Rosinhas (Portugal)
Vuk Cuk (Serbia)
Marie-Noelle Fontan (France)
Karin Sulimma (Austria)
Katarzyna Wolny (Poland)
Sabine Golde (Germany)
Lyn Hagan (United Kingdom)
Maria Szczodrowska (Poland)
Filip Tofil (Poland)
Aïdée Bernard (France)
Ilona Kiss (Hungary)
Elena Peytchinska (Austria)
Max Marek (Germany)
Celestina Vičević (Croatia)
Tristan Perreton + Claire Andlauer (Editions A mort!) (France)
Andrea Pezman (Slovakia)
Carolyn Thompson (United Kingdom)
Gerlinde Hofmann (Germany)
Susan Deakin (United Kingdom)
Kate Owens (United Kingdom)
Livia Mateiaș (Romania)

Lucas Kunz (Germany)
Mario Kolaric (Croatia)
Javiera Pinto Canales + Georgina Aspa (Ediciones singulares) (Spain)
Manuel Blázquez Palacios (Spain)
Matthias Krinzinger (Austria)
Lien Buysens (Belgium)
Sandra Djurovic (Montenegro)
Michail Molochnikov (Germany)
Agata Kosmacz (Poland)
Rachele Riviere (France)
Irena Frantal (United Kingdom)
Gerhild Ebel (Germany)
Valerie Buess (Germany)
Consuelo Vinchira (Spain)
Josipa Saric (Croatia)
Julie Kačerovská (Czech Republic)
Igor Mudronja (Croatia)
Laure Grimal (France)
Johanna Haigl + Kurt Weckel + Guenter Miklenic (umraum artcollectiv)
(Austria)

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