



Press Release

The 2016 "Columbus Advancement Prize for Contemporary Art in Cooperation with ADKV" will be awarded to Inga Danysz

Ravensburg / Berlin, June 29th, 2016. Inga Danysz, born in 1990 in Warsaw, is the 2016 winner of the Columbus Advancement Prize for Contemporary Art. From 2010-2015 Danysz studied in Willem de Rooij's class at the Städelschule Frankfurt am Main and was nominated by Philippe Pirotte, director of the Städelschule. At the moment she is a scholarship holder at the international artist residency program De Ateliers in Amsterdam.

For over 20 years the family-owned company Columbus Holding Ravensburg has shown great personal commitment and outstanding engagement through the 30.000 Euro Columbus Advancement Prize awarded to young artists in all branches of art. The explicit goal of the prize is to support positions and individuals who are at the beginning of their artistic work.

Due to the many commonalities they have in the funding and communication of contemporary art the prize has been awarded in close cooperation with the ADKV since 2011 in order to trace an arch into the future for debate and discussion.

The cooperation makes it possible for the winning artist's work to receive commensurate appreciation and national visibility through a solo exhibition in an associated Kunstverein that alternates every year, as well as an accompanying exhibition catalog and the individual prize money/exhibition fee of 6.000 Euros.

Inga Danysz was chosen by this year's jury – consisting of Thomas Allaut (Columbus Holding Ravensburg), Caroline Käding (Kunstverein Freiburg), Christian Malycha (Kunstverein Reutlingen) and Jörg Scheller (Zürcher Hochschule der Künste as well as winner of the ADKV-Art-Cologne-Prize for Art Criticism 2016).

"Inga Danysz delves into questions about personal memory and a complete lost of history. She questions her own biography amidst sinking political projects, the uncertain potential of art between functional décor and resistant materiality as well as contemporary imagery which constantly hovers between the dissolution and the corporal contention of form. She accomplishes this through emblematic pictorial objects, sculptures and installations, through which she both precisely and sensitively deals with social and institutional spaces."

The prize winner's exhibition will be hosted by Kunstverein Reutlingen in May 2017, bringing the Columbus Holding and ADKV's initial 5-year pilot project back to Baden-Württemberg.

Previous prize winners have been: 2015: Raphaela Vogel / Motorenhalle Dresden, 2014: Timo Seber / GAK Gesellschaft für Aktuelle Kunst Bremen, 2013: Wilhelm Klotzek / Nassauischer Kunstverein Wiesbaden and 2012: Matthias Wermke and Mischa Leinkauf / Kunstverein Heilbronn.

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