

KOSCHATZKY ART-AWARD FOR YOUNG ARTISTS

Around 2,000 works created by 711 artists from 60 countries submitted – Jury chair Karola Kraus recognizes the quality of the submissions – Rotary supports art and young artists

The Koschatzky Art-Award („KA“) is a competition held every two years since 2005, which aims to honor and promote young emerging artists up to 35 years of age. Around 2,000 works created by 711 artists from 60 countries were submitted to the KA'21 and presented to the top-class jury. The chairwoman of the jury was Karola Kraus, art historian and general director of the mumok – Museum of Modern Art Foundation Ludwig Vienna. The Koschatzky Art-Award, named after the long-time director of the Albertina in Vienna, the art historian Walter Koschatzky, is the largest graphic art award in geographic Europe and served as a springboard for many artists to embark on an international career.

The Koschatzky Art-Award 2021 was broadcasted on Wednesday, May 26th via the Koschatzky Art-Award website <https://www.koschatzky-award.art> as well as via YouTube, Facebook and Instagram. The video is available on all these Platforms (links below). The video also features a guided tour through the exhibition of nominated works by the Berlin-based curator Eleonora Frolov.

The three winners of the Koschatzky Art-Award '21 are:

1st PRIZE: LAURA WEISS from Linz in Austria, born in 1999. Laura Weiss is currently a student at the University for artistic and industrial design Linz and studies painting and graphics in the third semester. Work: „Hunzi“ (oil on paper, 100 x 130 cm)

2nd PRIZE: JULIA ZOEHRER from Linz in Austria, born 1992 in Gmunden, Upper Austria. From 2013 to 2018 she studied at the Art University Linz. Work: „Ju loves her juicy fruit and is feeling super, super suicidal“ (pen on paper, 100 x 140 cm)

3rd PRIZE: KARO KUCHAR from Perchtoldsdorf in Austria, born in 1986. Since October 2016 she has been studying at the Academy of Fine Arts in the field of fine arts. Work: “One night in Jesolo” (organza, acrylic paint, oil pastel and sewing



thread on paper, 55 x 42 cm

The five recognition prizes go to:

SEBASTIAN HOSU from Romania, born in 1988, from 2013 to 2016 master class with Prof. Heribert C. Ottersbach (HGB), Leipzig, Germany; Work: „Bathing women“ (charcoal and oil on paper, 109 x 79 cm)

NADINE NEBEL from Graz in Austria, born 1987, master class for painting (Ortweinschule) college for graphics and Communication design; Work: „No sign of civilization_woods“ (acrylic and gold leaf on paper, 20 x 20 cm)

CORDULA SCHIERI from Munich, Germany, born 1986, diploma in free art AdBK Munich, master class student by Prof. Alexandra Bircken; Work: „I Arthandle You 2 (forklift)“ (colored pencil on paper, 42 x 28 cm)

GIULIA SERI from Florence in Italy, born in 1988. After completing a master's degree in biology, she studied painting at Art Students League of New York (NY, USA); Work: „Tavola anatomica“ (watercolor and pastel on paper, 70 x 50 cm)

MARTIN VEIGL from Haag in Austria, University of Applied Arts Vienna; Work: „Overflow“ (pencil on paper, 70 x 50 cm)

The chairwoman of the jury, Karola Kraus, art historian and general director of the Museum Moderner Kunst Stiftung Ludwig Wien (mumok), commented on the winners and prizes: “This year, the jury found a high density of high-quality submissions. Central criteria for the selection of the award winners were an expansion of the graphic concept, a visually convincing, catchy design language as well as dealing with everyday, socially critical or politically explosive topics. I congratulate the winners from the bottom of my heart and wish them all the best for their future careers”.

The catalog with the 211 nominated works selected by the jury by 74 artists for the Koschatzky Art-Award 2021 can be found on the website: <https://www.koschatzky-award.art>

Orders for pictures can be made at office@koschatzky-award.art

The proceeds from the sold pictures go to aspiring artists or artists who are in need through no fault of their own benefit.



The Rotary Club Vienna-Albertina launched the initiative for the Koschatzky Art-Award in 2005. This club organized the KA this year together with the Rotaract Club Vienna-Albertina (Rotary youth organization) for the ninth time. And why? “As a Rotary organization, it is very important to us to help support artists“, said Reinhard Backhausen, coordinator of the Koschatzky Art-Award '21.

The links to the video of the virtual tour and the award ceremony:

Website

<https://www.koschatzky-award.art>

YouTube Video, Award Ceremony including a guided tour named „Insights“

<https://youtu.be/O7z7oZqHKtU>

Vimeo Video, Award Ceremony including a guided tour named „Insights“

<https://vimeo.com/554786978/c65b22eecc>

Facebook

<https://www.facebook.com/koschatzkyaward.art>

Instagram

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Photos:

Winner: Laura Weiss and her work named „Hunzi“ with Wilhelm Celeda (chairman of the board at Kathrein Privatbank).

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Winners: Laura Weiss, Julia Zoehrer and Karo Kuchar at the Award Ceremony of Koschatzky Art-Award 2021, May/Vienna.

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