Artists' book prize  
Herzog August Bibliothek 2020

The collection of artists’ books held by the Herzog August Bibliothek was founded in the 1950’s with contemporary works of art by famous French painters, known as “livres de peintre”. To this day, artists have repeatedly approached the artists’ book as a medium and explored its limits in both traditional and experimental ways - these developments are also reflected in the library’s internationally recognized collection.

The Herzog August Bibliothek and the Curt Mast Jägermeister Stiftung are now announcing an annual prize to be awarded to a book artist. The prize is also a tribute to Dr. Sabine Solf and her support of the library and the work of its foundations. During her employment at the library she contributed to the establishment of the collection and maintained important contacts to artists and galleries.

The prize is endowed with 6.000 € and is awarded for the production of an artists’ book that draws its inspiration from the contents or materiality of the library’s historical book and manuscript holdings.

The award winner will have the opportunity to work at the Herzog August Bibliothek for up to one month and to be a member of the international group of scholars working there. Accommodation will be arranged by the library and the stay in Wolfenbüttel may be split into shorter visits.

Your application should include the following: a project outline (no longer than 3 pages), a short CV with catalogue raisonné, a photographic documentation of your most important works or a link to an online presentation. Deadline for applications is December 31th 2019.

The winner of the award will be chosen by a prize jury consisting of Dr. Sabine Solf (president), Professor Dr. Peter Burschel (Herzog August Bibliothek), Manja Puschnerus (Curt Mast Jägermeister Stiftung), Dr. Stefan Soltek (Director of the Klingspor Museum Offenbach), Nikoline Kästner (Paper conservator).

The jury’s decision will be announced at the beginning of February 2020 and the prize can be taken up any time after March 1st.

It is expected that the completed work will be presented to the public in Wolfenbüttel at the end of the year.

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