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Henrike Grohs Art Award: Redistribution of Ceremony Funds to shortlisted artists as Artist Stipends



Update on the Henrike Grohs Art Award Artist Stipends and Winner Announcement

Due to the Covid-19 pandemic and as a duty of care to our project team, contributors, supporters, artists and the visiting public we took the decision to cancel the 2020 Henrike Grohs Art Award ceremony in Dakar, Senegal, as scheduled for 30 May 2020.

The remaining funds that were to be used to host the ceremony in Dakar will now be redistributed to the top 17 shortlisted artists. Each artist will receive 500€ to use or share as needed. The 17 artists receiving once off stipends are:

Abdessamad El Montassir (Morocco)
Anderu Immaculate Mali a.k.a Immy Mali (Uganda)
Aurelie Djiena (Cameroon)
Christopher Nelson Obuh (Nigeria)
Eva Diallo (Senegal/Switzerland)
Francois Knoetze (South Africa)
Ivy Brandie Chemutai Ng'ok (Kenya)
Kitso Lelliott (Botswana/South Africa)
Michael Soi (Kenya)
Misheck Masamvu (Zimbabwe)
Oupa Sibeko (South Africa)
Patrick Bongoy (DRC/South Africa)
Rehema Chachage (Tanzania)
Stacey Gillian Abe (Uganda)
Syowia Kyambi (Kenya)
Thenjiwe Niki Nkosi (South Africa/USA)
Va-Bene Elikem Kofi Fiatsi (Ghana)

Biographies of the shortlisted artists can be found [here](#).

The announcement of the main award winner – selected by a jury made up of Gabi Ngcobo (South Africa), Paula Nascimento (Angola) and Sarah Rifky (Egypt) – will be shared on the Henrike Grohs Art Award website and social media platforms on **30 July 2020**. The main prize winner will receive 20.000€ and 10.000€ towards a publication with the two runners up each receiving 5.000€. Akwasi Bediako Afrane (Ghana), Jackie Karuti (Kenya) and Sabelo Mlangeni (South Africa) are the top 3 selected artists.

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About Henrike Grohs

Henrike Grohs studied ethnology and was Head of the Goethe-Institut in Abidjan from 2013–2016. She co-founded the project Next - Intercultural Projects at the Haus der Kulturen der Welt in Berlin. Between 2002 and 2009, she worked as Project Manager in the Berlin Philharmonic Orchestra's Education programme. In 2009, she was appointed Advisor on Culture and Development at the Goethe-Institut in South Africa. Henrike Grohs passed away at the age of 51 in a terrorist attack in Côte d'Ivoire in March 2016 along with seventeen other people.

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Association for Visual Arts Gallery, Cape Town, South Africa

Bag Factory Artists' Studios, Johannesburg, South Africa

Centre Cultural Kòrè, Ségou, Mali

Colectivo Pés Descalços, Luanda, Angola

Doual'art, Douala, Cameroon

First Floor Gallery, Harare, Zimbabwe

Greatmore Art Studio, Cape Town, South Africa

Kër Thiossane, Dakar, Senegal

Le Cube, Rabat, Morocco

Les Atelier SAHM, Brazzaville, Congo
Nafasi Art Space, Dar es Salaam, Tanzania
Nubuke Foundation, Accra, Ghana
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