

Samaneh Atef, Belén Sánchez, Desmond Tjonakoy. euward9 of Augustinum Foundation in collaboration with Haus der Kunst

The final ranking of the euward9 winners has been determined:

Samaneh Atef (1st prize winner), Belén Sánchez (2nd prize winner), Desmond Tjonakoy (3rd prize winner)

Munich. – Now they have been determined. The winners of euward9 from 1st to 3rd place correspond to the alphabetical order and are: **Samaneh Atef (1st prize winner), Belén Sánchez (2nd prize winner), Desmond Tjonakoy (3rd prize winner)**. Yesterday, Thursday, May 16, 2024, Augustinum Foundation, in cooperation with Haus der Kunst in Munich, awarded the euward, the most important European art prize for painting and graphic art in the context of mental disability, for the 9th time. On the same day, the **exhibition "Samaneh Atef, Belén Sánchez, Desmond Tjonakoy. euward9"** opened at Haus der Kunst. It ends on July 14, 2024 with a finissage and presents the works of the award winners and of the other artists nominated for euward9 as part of the regular annual program at the international exhibition venue.

In addition to the prizes determined by the jury, euward9 will once again have an audience award. All 16 artists from the shortlist who were nominated for euward9 are available for selection. Visitors can vote for their favorite in the public vote at www.euward.de/en/publicaward from 16 May to 7 July 2024. The unendowed additional prize will be awarded at the finissage of the exhibition at Haus der Kunst.

"Painting is similar to music - the arts create opportunities to communicate with the world beyond words and to enter into an exchange on a level that everyone understands. I am delighted to be the patron of euward9, this important European art prize for painting and graphic art in the context of mental disability. I would like to thank Augustinum Foundation, which has been supporting unknown artists with this prize since 2000, thus making their work accessible to the public."

– Joachim Gauck, former German Federal President and Patron of euward9

The euward art prize

Since the year 2000, Augustinum Foundation Munich has been awarding the euward, which was honored with Deutscher Kulturförderpreis in 2022/2023. Up to 800 artists from more than 25 European nations apply for each competition. More than 240 applications from 25 countries were submitted for euward9. In addition to the exhibition of their works, the winners receive cash prizes and a catalogue with a total value of around 25,000 euros.

Further information on the exhibition and the prize can be found at www.euward.de.

Key data on the exhibition

Organiser: Augustinum Foundation in collaboration with Haus der Kunst

Curator: **Klaus Mecherlein** (Augustinum Foundation)

Project Manager: **Sabine Brantl** (Haus der Kunst)

Exhibition duration: May 17 to July 14, 2024

Opening hours and admission prizes: www.hausderkunst.de

Catalogue: Samaneh Atef, Belén Sánchez, Desmond Tjonakoy. euward9, 39 €, available at the Walther König bookshop at Haus der Kunst and orderable in all bookshops throughout Europe

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