

Nam June Paik Award 2016

Press release

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Shortlist for the Nam June Paik Award 2016 – International Media Art Prize of the Arts Foundation of North Rhine-Westphalia

Drawing up a shortlist of nominees for the Nam June Paik Award 2016 was more difficult than ever.

This year's shortlisted artists are:

Lawrence Abu Hamdan, reincarnated in 1985 in Amman, Jordan, is now based in Beirut.

(<http://lawrenceabuhamdan.com/>)

Trisha Baga, b. 1985 in Venice, Florida, is now based in New York. (<http://bagalab.biz/>)

Neil Beloufa, b. 1985 in Paris, is now based in Paris. (<http://neibeloufa.herokuapp.com/>)

Katja Novitskova, b. 1984 in Tallinn, Estonia, is now based in Amsterdam and Berlin.

(<http://katjanovi.net/>)

The Arts Foundation of North Rhine-Westphalia put together a panel of renowned experts to propose nominees for the award. In early February 2016, **Dr. Tobia Bezzola**, Director of the Museum Folkwang in Essen, Germany, **Susanne Pfeffer**, Director of the Fridericianum in Kassel, Germany, and **Dr. Timotheus Vermeulen**, Assistant Professor Cultural Theory, Radboud University Nijmegen, Netherlands, discussed the shortlist for the Nam June Paik Award 2016, which will be presented this year at and in collaboration with the Museum Folkwang in Essen.

Save the date: Awards ceremony at the Museum Folkwang

Thursday, 27 October 2016, 7 pm

Museum Folkwang, Museumsplatz 1, 45128 Essen, Germany

Works by the shortlisted nominees will be **exhibited from 28 October 2016 to 8 January 2017** at the Museum Folkwang.

Within the framework of this exhibition, **Manuel Graf**, the 2014 winner of the Nam June Paik Newcomer Award, will show work he has produced with the aid of his €15,000 prize money.

Every two years the NRW Arts Foundation presents the International Nam June Paik Award, with prize money totalling €25,000, in collaboration with an institution in North Rhine-Westphalia (NRW). The object is to commemorate the artistic work and the inquisitive, alert and humorous mind of media art pioneer Nam June Paik, who taught media art in NRW for 19 years.



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