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Five nominations for the 2008 blauorange prize

The group of artists FORT (Jenny Kropp, Anna Jandt, Alberta Niemann) as well as Kitty Kraus, Adrian Lohmueller, Sophie Oldenbourg and Monika Stricker were nominated yesterday in Berlin for the 2008 blauorange art prize awarded by the German cooperative banks (Deutsche Volksbanken und Raiffeisenbanken). The winner will be announced on 1 July 2008.

The FORT Group is an alliance of young female artists who work with installations at the boundaries of art and everyday life. Kitty Kraus derives physical experiences from geometric forms. Adrian Lohmueller translates civilisational situations into performative processes. Sophie Oldenbourg's video works connect the private sphere to grotesque societal norms. Monika Stricker uses cinematic props to stage installations that provide a subtle commentary on art history.

The jury under the direction of Veit Loers is made up of six representatives of art associations (Kunstvereine): Marius Babias – Neuer Berliner Kunstverein n. b. k., Justin Hoffmann – Kunstverein Wolfsburg, Matthias Loebke – Kunstverein Heilbronn, Kathleen Rahn – Kunstverein Nuremberg, Christina Végh – Bonner Kunstverein, Janneke de Vries - Gesellschaft für Aktuelle Kunst, Bremen.

The blauorange art prize of the German cooperative banks is

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awarded annually and focuses on encouraging and supporting young artists in Germany. In 2007 it was awarded to Danh Vo. The blauorange art prize, funded by the German cooperative banks, is endowed with € 20,000. The prize will be awarded in a ceremony at the Kunstverein Heilbronn on 6 November 2008. The prizewinner's exhibition curated by Bettina Klein will be on display there from 7 November to 12 December 2008.

Further information is available at www.blauorange.bvr.de.

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