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Shortlist for the blauorange Art Prize 2009 Announced

At their meeting yesterday in Berlin, the jury for the 2009 blauorange art prize nominated Björn Braun, Marieta Chirulescu, Stephanie Kiwitt, and the artist group Jochen Schmith (Peter Hoppe, Peter Steckroth, Carola Wagenplast) for the prize awarded by the German co-operative banks (Deutsche Volksbanken und Raiffeisenbanken). The winner will be announced on 1 July 2009.

Karlsruhe artist Björn Braun subjects his materials to metamorphoses, transferring them humorously and associatively in various dimensions. Marieta Chirulescu lives in Berlin. The process leading to her visual compositions involves using various media, which she collages, paints over, and layers. The Hamburg-based artist group Jochen Schmith makes his way across the floor of the art world, exposing the mechanisms of exhibitions and the rules of the art business. Stephanie Kiwitt from Leipzig works innovatively with photography; in her conceptual projects, she creates surprisingly autonomous visual worlds.

The jury, chaired by Veit Loers, consists of six representatives of Kunstvereine: Hilke Wagner - Kunstverein Braunschweig, René Zechlin - Kunstverein Hannover, Melanie Bono - Neuer Aachener Kunstverein, Caroline Käding - Kunstverein Freiburg, Carina Plath - Westfälischer Kunstverein, Münster - Axel John Wieder, Künstlerhaus Stuttgart.

The blauorange art prize of the German cooperative banks (Deutsche Volksbanken und Raiffeisenbanken) supports young artists in Germany. In 2007, the prize was awarded to Danh Vo, and in 2008 to Kitty Kraus. The blauorange art prize, funded by the German cooperative banks, consists of an award of € 20,000.

The award ceremony will take place on 10 December 2009 at Kunstverein Braunschweig, together with the opening of the prizewinner's exhibition, which will run until 31 January 2010.

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