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blauorange 2009: Art Prize awarded by Volksbanken Raiffeisenbanken begins next Round

The art prize blauorange 2009 awarded by the Deutsche Volksbanken und Raiffeisenbanken (German Cooperative Banks) has begun its next round, and the most important dates for this year's competition have been announced. Twenty faculty members at German art schools have already submitted their nominations. On April 29, the jury will announce the shortlist. The jury consists of blauorange's artistic director Veit Loers and six representatives of art institutions (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 winner of blauorange 2009 will be announced on July 1. The National Association of German Cooperative Banks (BVR) was able to gain Kunstverein Braunschweig as an exhibition partner, and the prize will be awarded on December 10, 2009, at the opening of the prizewinner's exhibition. The exhibition will be on view until January 31, 2010. Bettina Klein is curator of blauorange 2009 and of the prize exhibition.

The art prize of the German Cooperative Banks blauorange is awarded annually and represents a contribution to the promotion of young artists in Germany. The award is made in close collaboration with select art institutions in the jury work as well as with faculty members at art academies, who nominate candidates. The prizewinners are young artists at the start of their professional careers, living in Germany. With their artistic work they should already have left a mark that shows great promise.

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The financial award is 20,000 Euros, 10,000 Euros being the prize money for the artist and a further 10,000 Euros for an edition created for the prize giver. The prizewinner also profits from the presentation of his or her works at a solo show and the publication of an artist book. The winner of blauorange 2008 was Kitty Kraus, and in 2007 Danh Vo.

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