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Kitty Kraus is the winner of the 2008 blauorange art prize

The winner of the 2008 blauorange art prize awarded by the German cooperative banks (Deutsche Volksbanken und Raiffeisenbanken) is Kitty Kraus. She will receive the prize money amounting to € 20,000, showcase her works at the winner's exhibition at the Kunstverein Heilbronn and publish a monographic catalogue.

Kraus, born in 1976 in Heidelberg, lives and works in Berlin. She studied fine arts until 2006 at the Berlin University of the Arts (Universität der Künste Berlin) and was a master student of Lothar Baumgarten. She had her first solo exhibitions in Berlin and Vienna; her works are currently on display in another solo exhibition at the Kunsthalle in Zurich.

Kraus uses materials such as glass, neon tubes, light bulbs, fabric, tar and ink for her sculptures and installations. Geometric and cubic shapes are dissolved by means of refraction, melting or shattering of the material. "Kitty Kraus places space and planes in new and exciting configurations by tracing the mysteries of both dimensions. Geometry, figuration and processes complement each other in an elementary form of expression", as jury chairman Veit Loers summarises the decision.

In addition to Kraus, the artists' group FORT (Jenny Kropp, Anna Jandt, Alberta Niemann, Claudia Heidorn), Adrian Lohmüller, Sophie Oldenbourg and Monika Stricker were nominated for the 2008 blauorange art prize awarded by the German cooperative banks. The jury under the direction of Veit Loers was made up of six representatives of art associations: Marius Babias – Neuer

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The prize will be awarded to winner Kitty Kraus on 6 November
2008 at the Kunstverein Heilbronn. 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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