AS PART OF THE **ESSL ART AWARD CEE** AT THE RINGTURM, VIENNA, **AUSTRIA**

The VIG SPECIAL INVITATION is a project aimed at promoting art students from Central and Eastern Europe. This initiative of the Wiener Städtische Versicherungsverein, the main shareholder of Vienna Insurance Group, forms part of a successful partnership with the Essl Art Award CEE launched back in 2007. For the first time this year, the distinction was awarded independently from the Essl Art Award CEE to respectively one nominee from each country. It is linked with a group exhibition at the Wiener Ringturm, the group's headquarters: In 2016, the VIG SPECIAL INVITATION will display works specifically created or adapted by the awarded artists for the exhibition.

The project is one of numerous initiatives of the Wiener Städtische Versicherungsverein with focus on Central and Eastern Europe and highlights its commitment to the region. With approximately 50 companies and 23 000 employees, the VIG maintains an on-site presence in 25 countries of the region and is the leading insurer in Austria and the CEE.





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ARTISTS OF THE EXHIBITION

ESSL ART AWARD CEE 2015 Winners

Dániel Bernáth (HU), Baran Çağinli (TR), Iveta Čermáková (CZ), Angel Chobanov (BG), Filip Dvořák (CZ), Irina Ghenu (RO), Daniel Ghercă (RO), Ana Jagodic (SLO), Nina Kamenjarin (HR), Maruša Meglič (SLO), Kristián Németh (SK), Neven Petrović (HR), Peter Sit (SK), Evrim Terkeşli (TR), Júlia Végh (HU), Miglena Yoncheva-Nikolova (BG)

Collector's Invitations

Nina Čelhar (SLO), Dáriusz Gwizdala (HU), Alen Kasumović (HR), Kalina Mavrodieva (BG), Monika Pascoe Mikyšková (SK)

VIG SPECIAL INVITATION (Ringturm, Vienna, 2016)

Bence Bálint (HU), Petr Bařinka (SK), Angel Chobanov (BG), Tomáš Kajánek (CZ), Gloria Luca (RO), Petra Mrša (HR), Mehmet Öğüt (TR), Small but Dangers (SLO)

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GUIDED TOUR: SUN 11.00

OPENING HOURS:

TUE - SUN 10.00 - 18.00

10.00 - 21.00 (18.00 - 21.00 Free Admission) WED

DIRECTIONS FROM VIENNA:

from Wien Heiligenstadt U4 or Wien Spittelau U6: train S40 → Klosterneuburg-Weidling

from Wien Heiligenstadt U4:

regional bus 238 or 239 → Leopoldsbrücke Essl Museum

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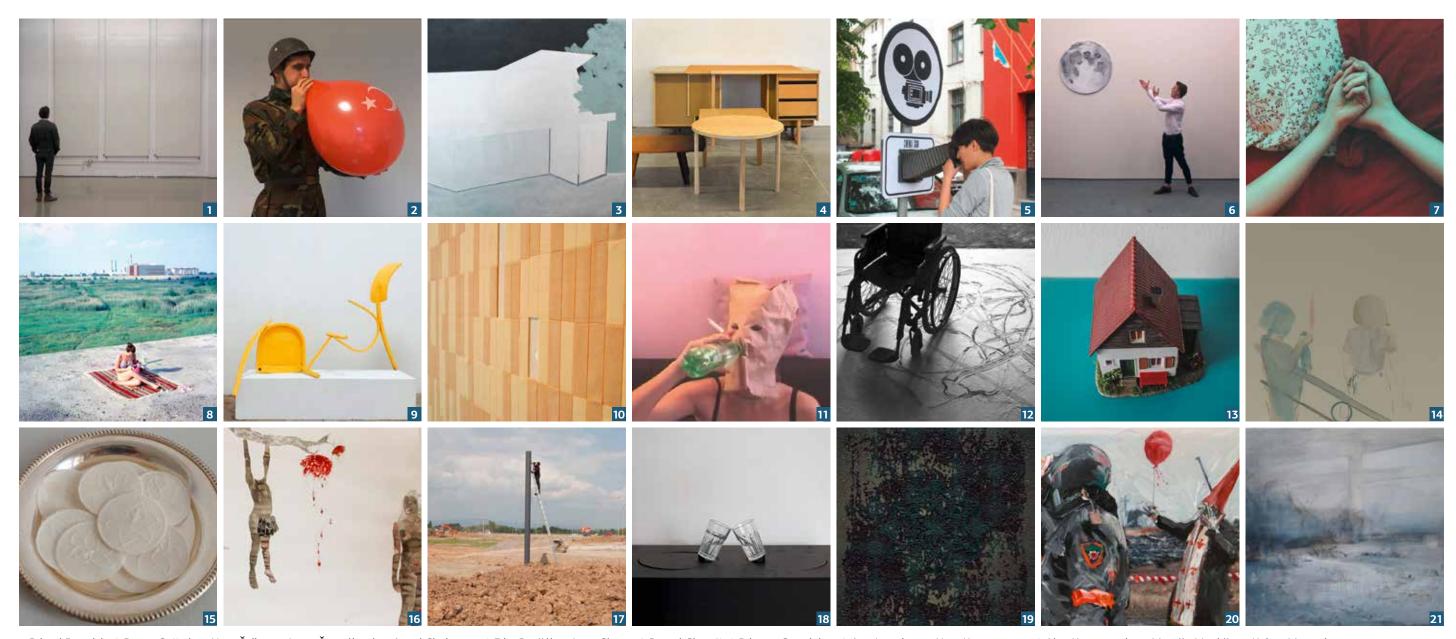
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The exhibition gives an impressive insight into the young art scene of Central and South-Eastern Europe by presenting the works of 21 young emerging talents. The works on show were selected by an international jury for their high artistic quality and individuality within the framework of the ESSL ART AWARD CEE 2015. Presented in dialogue and juxtaposition, the works from young artists from Bulgaria, Croatia, the Czech Republic, Hungary, Romania, Slovakia, Slovenia and Turkey will highlight the artistic complexity of this dynamic region. Which subject matters are dealt with by the artists? Which strategies do these artists pursue to express their artistic intentions? How do they react to the artistic practices in their country?

Conferred every two years since 2005, the **ESSL ART AWARD CEE** is dedicated to the support of art students from Bulgaria, Croatia, the Czech Republic, Hungary, Romania, Slovakia, Slovenia and Turkey. From more than 500 applicants, an international jury of art experts shortlisted 10 nominees per country online. The works by the short-listed artists were on show in the "Nominees' Exhibitions" in a main city in each participating country. The jury visited these exhibitions and chose two award winners per country on site. The patroness of the Essl Art Award embraced the opportunity to issue five **Collector's Invitations** to complement the exhibition at the Essl Museum.

In addition, Wiener Städtische Versicherungsverein, the main shareholder of VIENNA INSURANCE GROUP, awarded independent distinctions, the VIG SPECIAL INVITATION, to one nominee per country: the selected artists will receive a consideration of EUR 1,000 and the invitation to take part in an exhibition at the Vienna Ringturm, the Group's headquarters, in 2016.



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