

# ESSL ART AWARD CEE 2015

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Conferred every two years since 2005, the ESSL ART AWARD CEE is dedicated to the discovery and support of art students from Bulgaria, Croatia, the Czech Republic, Hungary, Romania, Slovakia, Slovenia and Turkey. The award is open to all media.

For the 2015 award more than 500 students applied. 10 nominees are now shortlisted per country. Selected online by the international expert-jury, the works of these young artists are on show at the so called **Nominees' Exhibitions**. On the opening days the jury selects the winners of the ESSL ART AWARD CEE 2015 directly on site.

One main goal of the award is to offer a broad and multi-layered insight into the young art scene of the participating countries and to create a dialogue across and beyond borders.

## MAIN SPONSOR OF THE ESSL ART AWARD CEE 2015

**Wiener Städtische Versicherungsverein**, VIG's main shareholder, is the initiator of the Group's wide-ranging cultural and social activities, fostering cross-border dialogue and intercultural exchange. An integral part of its corporate philosophy, the support of young artists in CEE provides insights into the multilayered artistic production in the region where VIG operates. The long-standing partnership with the ESSL ART AWARD CEE is an example for the main shareholder's various sustainable initiatives in the region.

## AWARDS

### ESSL ART AWARD CEE

Prize Money:  
Two donations of EUR 3.500,- each per country

Group exhibition: In December 2015 all award winners will present their works at a comprehensive group exhibition **DIVERSITY OF VOICES** (04.12.2015–06.03.2016) at the Essl Museum, Klosterneuburg / Vienna, Austria. With this show the Essl Museum gives an impressive insight into the young art scene of Central and South-Eastern Europe. In the rooms of the vast exhibition hall the works of the young artists open up to the viewer through the interplay of artwork, light, space and movement and thus create new dialogues. The exhibition will be accompanied by an extensive catalogue.

### VIG Special Invitation

An additional distinction is awarded by the main shareholder of VIENNA INSURANCE GROUP for one nominee per country: The selected artists will receive a consideration of EUR 1.000,- and are invited to take part in an exhibition at the Ringturm, the Group's headquarters, in 2016.



## JURY

**Vanja Babić** (HR)  
**Philippe Batka** (Vienna Insurance Group)  
**René Block** (D)  
**Gábor Ébli** (HU)  
**Lucia Gregorová Stachová** (SK)  
**Andreas Hoffer** (Essl Museum)  
**Johanna Langfelder-Hain** (Essl Museum)  
**Romelo Pervolovici** (RO)  
**Lora Sariaslan** (TR)  
**Igor Španjol** (SLO)  
**Jiří Švestka** (CZ)  
**Maria Vassileva** (BG)  
**Eva Wirlitsch-Essl** (Essl Museum)

### AWARDING VIG SPECIAL INVITATION:

**Barbara Grötschnig**  
(Wiener Städtische Versicherungsverein)

**More Information:** [www.essl.museum/esslartaward](http://www.essl.museum/esslartaward)

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## THE ESSL MUSEUM

The Essl Museum for contemporary art offers a forum for an open exploration of present-day art. Up to ten exhibitions a year showcase Austrian and international artists in solo shows, thematic exhibitions and group shows which focus on emerging artists. The Essl Museum draws from the Essl collection, which focuses on Austrian art from 1945 onwards and reflects international contemporary art trends from Europe, USA, Australia and Asia.

ESSL ART AWARD CEE under the patronage of the 

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# VIG SPECIAL INVITATION

AS PART OF THE ESSL ART AWARD CEE 2015

EXHIBITION 2016 AT THE RINGTURM, VIENNA, AUSTRIA

The VIG SPECIAL INVITATION is a project funded by the Wiener Städtische Versicherungsverein – the main shareholder of Vienna Insurance Group – for the benefit of young art students from Central and Southeastern Europe. The initiative is part of the Essl Art Award CEE – a successful partnership launched already in 2007. The VIG SPECIAL INVITATION award category makes it possible for respectively one winner of the Essl Art Award CEE from each participating country to take part in an exhibition organised at Vienna Ringturm, the headquarters of the group. In 2016, the latest works of young artists from CEE, specially created or adapted for the exhibition, will once again be displayed within the framework of the VIG SPECIAL INVITATION.

The project is one of numerous initiatives of the Wiener Städtische Versicherungsverein with focus on Central and Southeastern 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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**NOMINEES' EXHIBITIONS**

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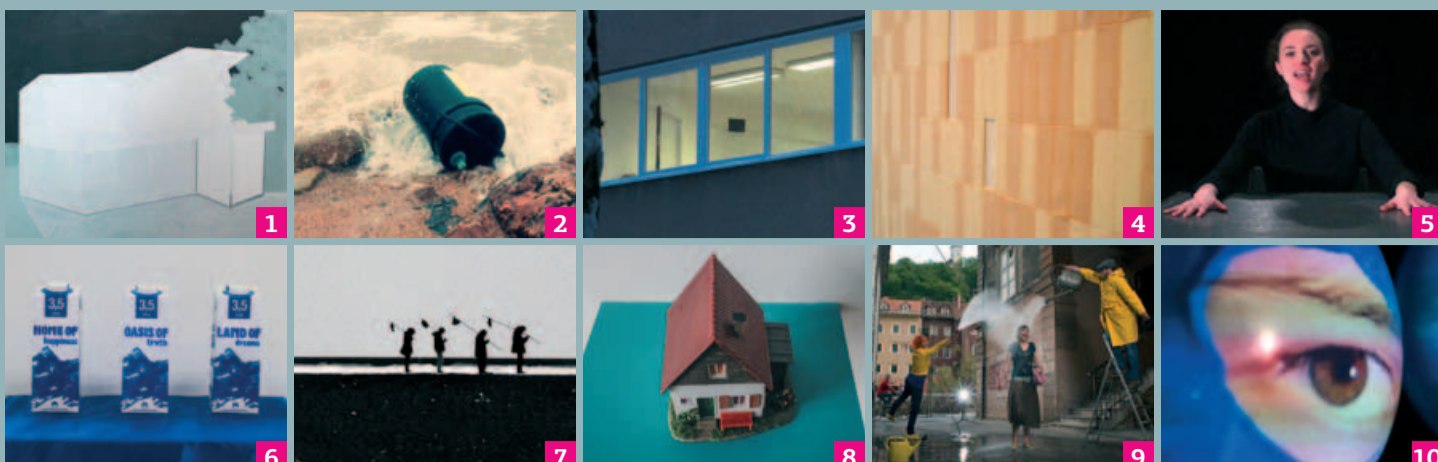
**Museum of Contemporary Art Metelkova**  
Maistrova 3, SI-1000 Ljubljana

**EXHIBITION**  
May 11 – May 17, 2015

**OPENING**  
May 11, 2015

**Schedule**  
6.00 pm Press Preview  
7.00 pm Opening

**Nominees** 1 Nina Čelhar 2 Urška Djukić 3 Simon Hudolin (Small But Dangers)  
4 Ana Jagodic 5 Andrea Knezović 6 Gašper Kunšič 7 Andrej Lamut  
8 Maruša Meglič 9 Pila Rusjan 10 Valerie Wolf Gang



# CROATIA

**Museum of Contemporary Art Zagreb (MSU)**  
Avenija Dubrovnik 17, HR-10000 Zagreb

**EXHIBITION**  
May 12 – May 31, 2015

**OPENING**  
May 12, 2015

**Schedule**  
6.00 pm Press Preview  
7.00 pm Opening

**Nominees** 1 Igor Ilić 2 Nina Kamenjarin 3 Alen Kasumović 4 Liberta Mišan 5 Petra Mrša  
6 Ana Muščet 7 Marina Paulenka 8 Neven Petrović 9 Mario Udženija 10 Ino Zeljak



# HUNGARY

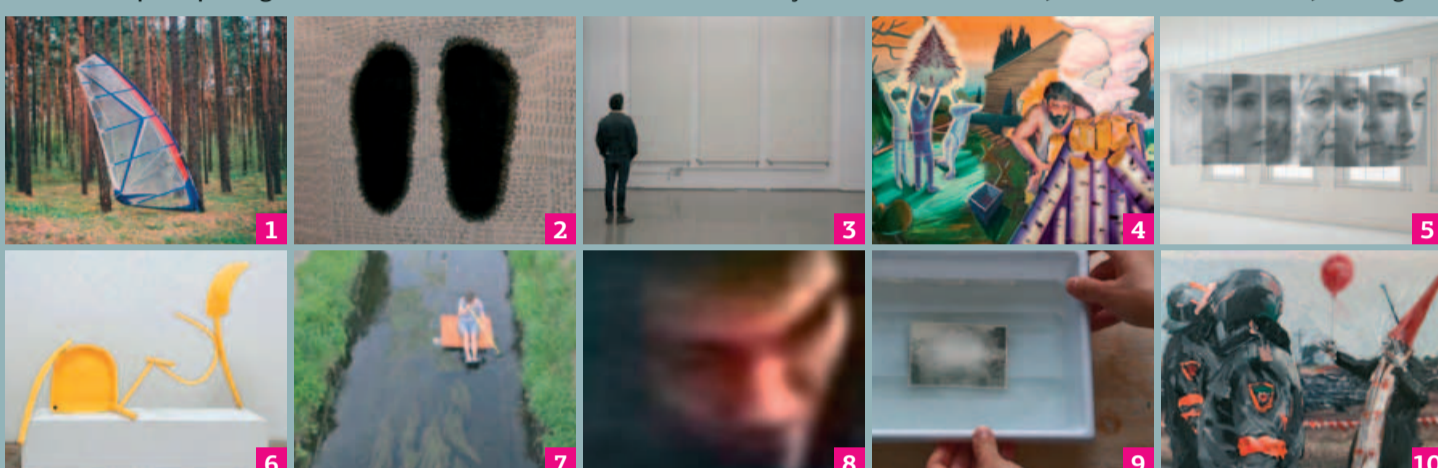
**Budapest Galéria**  
Lajos utca 158, 1036 Budapest

**EXHIBITION**  
May 14 – June 14, 2015

**OPENING**  
May 14, 2015

**Schedule**  
6.00 pm Press Preview  
7.00 pm Opening

**Nominees** 1 Bence Bálint 2 Brigitta Bánfi 3 Dániel Bernáth 4 Ákos Ezer 5 Eszter Galambos  
6 Dárusz Gwizdala 7 Mózes Márton Murányi 8 Peter Sarkozi 9 Judit Flóra Schuller 10 Júlia Végh



# SLOVAKIA

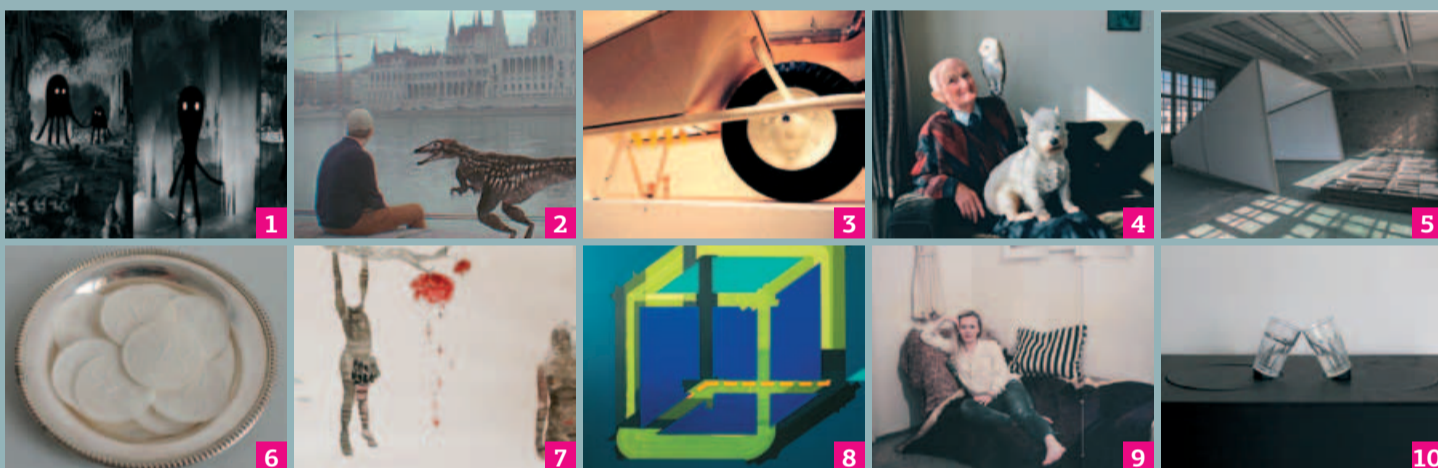
**Galéria MEDIUM**  
Hviezdoslavovo nám. 18, SK-814 37 Bratislava 1

**EXHIBITION**  
May 15 – June 07, 2015

**OPENING**  
May 15, 2015

**Schedule**  
6.00 pm Press Preview  
7.00 pm Opening

**Nominees** 1 Petr Bařinka 2 András Cséfalvay 3 Marek Galbavý 4 Deana Kolenčíková  
5 Pavlína Komoňová 6 Kristián Németh 7 Monika Pascoe Mikyšková 8 Filip Sabol  
9 Martina Šimkovičová 10 Peter Sit



# CZECH REPUBLIC

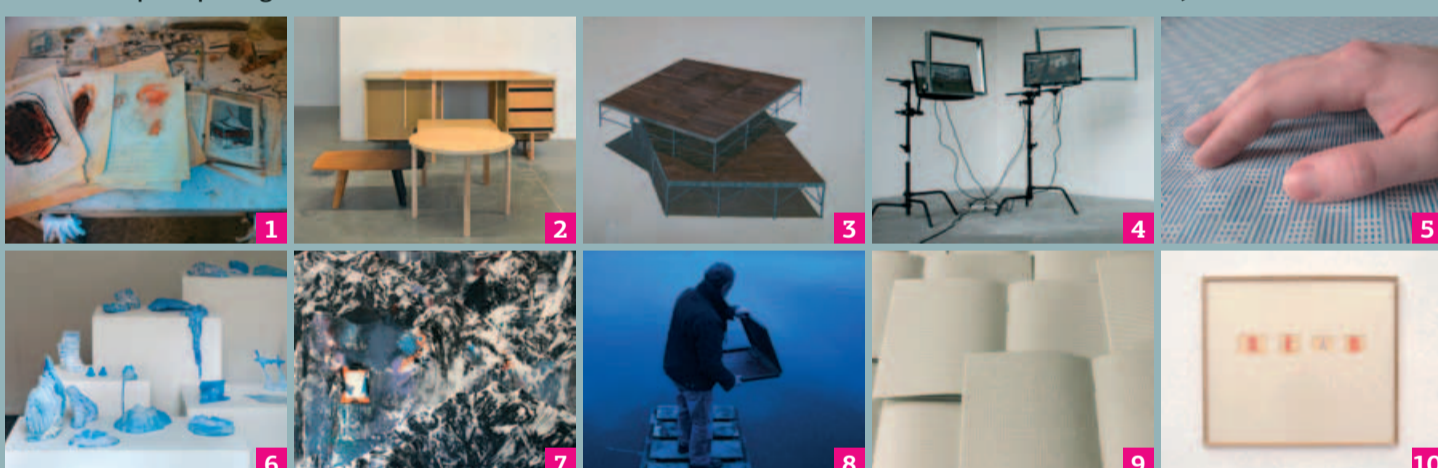
**FUTURA Centre for Contemporary Art**  
Holečkova 49 – Smíchov, CZ - 150 00 Praha 5

**EXHIBITION**  
May 25 – June 21, 2015

**OPENING**  
May 25, 2015

**Schedule**  
6.00 pm Press Preview  
7.00 pm Opening

**Nominees** 1 Martin Antas 2 Iveta Čermáková 3 Filip Dvořák 4 Jakub Jurásek 5 Tomáš Kajánek  
6 Karolína Mikesková 7 Samuel Paučo 8 Lea Petříková 9 Martin Prudil 10 Jan Theodor Urant



# ROMANIA

**VICTORIA ART CENTER**  
Calea Victoriei street, Nr. 12C, bl. A, Sector 3, București

**EXHIBITION**  
May 26 – June 21, 2015

**OPENING**  
May 26, 2015

**Schedule**  
6.00 pm Press Preview  
7.00 pm Opening

**Nominees** 1 Bogdan-Ionuț Armanu / Silvia-Genoveva Amancei 2 Anca Badea  
3 Lia Bira 4 Lucian Bran 5 Irina Ghenu 6 Daniel Ghercă 7 Gloria Luca  
8 Nadejda Lungu 9 Dragos Stefan Mitrofan 10 Laura-Angela Ogrușan-Prața



# BULGARIA

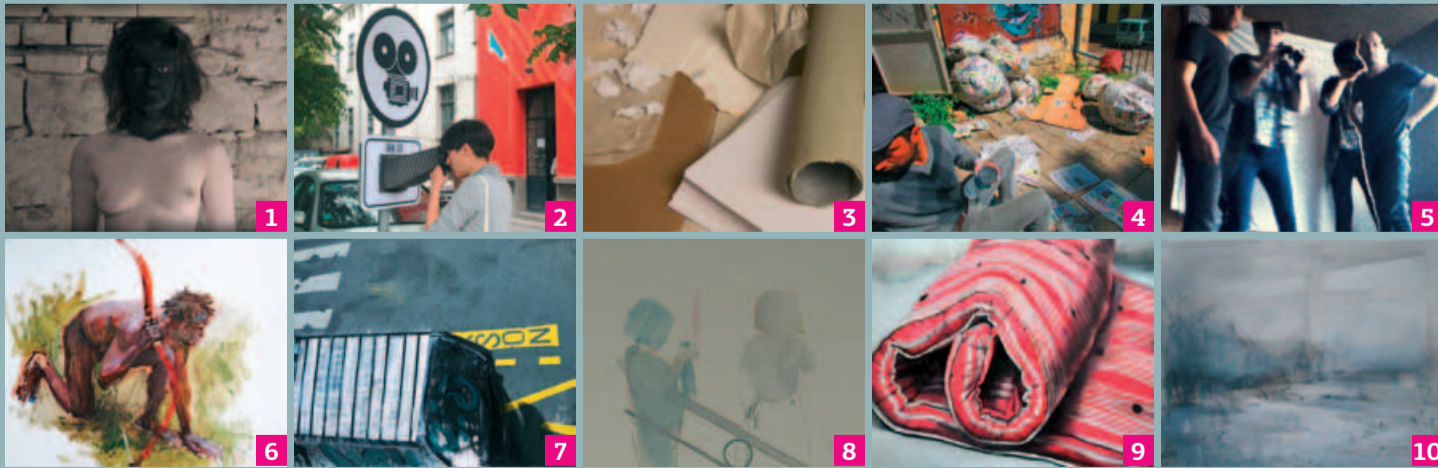
**Academia Gallery / National Academy of Art Sofia (NAA)**  
1 Shipka street, BG-Sofia 1000

**EXHIBITION**  
May 28 – June 21, 2015

**OPENING**  
MAY 28, 2015

**Schedule**  
6.00 pm Press Preview  
7.00 pm Opening

**Nominees** 1 Boryana Cherneva 2 Angel Chobanov 3 Simeon Damyanov  
4 Martin Iwanow 5 Iliyana Kancheva 6 Ivan Kashlakov 7 Konstantin Kostov  
8 Kalina Mavrodieva 9 Maria Stamati 10 Miglena Yoncheva-Nikolova



# TURKEY

**MSGSÜ Tophane-i Amire KSM (Tek Kubbe Salonu)**  
Boğazkesen cad. Defterdar Yokuşu No:2, Tophane-Beyoğlu, İstanbul

**EXHIBITION**  
June 12 – June 30, 2015

**OPENING**  
June 12, 2015

**Schedule**  
6.00 pm Press Preview  
7.00 pm Opening

**Nominees** 1 Selahattin Berit Aıdaş 2 Batu Bozoğlu 3 Baran Çağınlı  
4 Hakan Dağdelen 5 Birnur Derya Geylani 6 Aylin Karasu 7 Mehmet Öğüt  
8 Duygu Sabancılar 9 Gamze Taşdan 10 Evrim Terkeşli

