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Barthélémy Toguo, *Urban Requiem*, 2015. Courtesy Galerie Lelong & Co. Photo: Vincent Tullo.

THE ARMORY SHOW ANNOUNCES THE 2023 PRIZE RECIPIENTS PROGRAMMING FOR 2023 EDITION

BARTHÉLÉMY TOGUO PRESENTED BY GALERIE LELONG HAS RECEIVED THE POMMERY PRIZE, EMBAJADA HAS RECEIVED THE TPC ART FINANCE PRESENTS PRIZE FOR THEIR PRESENTATION OF JEAN-PIERRE VILLAFañE, AND RAJNI PERERA PRESENTED BY PATEL BROWN HAVE RECEIVED THE SAUER ARTIST PRIZE.

New York – The Armory Show and its partners Pommery Champagne, TPC Art Finance, and Sauer announced the winners of three prizes to exhibitor presentations in the Platform, Presents, and Focus sections of the fair.

POMMERY PRIZE

Supported by Pommery Champagne, the annual **Pommery Prize** of \$25,000 was awarded to **Barthélémy Toguo** for his presentation of *Urban Requiem* (2015) by **Galerie Lelong &**

Co. (New York, Paris). Now in its fifth year, the Pommery Prize recognizes an outstanding presentation of large-scale artwork from the Platform section at The Armory Show. The jury for the prize included **Frédéric de Goldschmidt**, Collector; **Gannit Ankori**, Director and Chief Curator of the Rose Art Museum; and **Mme. Vranken**, co-owner and head of the marketing division of Vranken-Pommery Monopole. Previous winners of the prize include **El Apartamento** (Havana) for their presentation of Reynier Leyva Novo's *What it is, what it has been* (2020-2022), **Jane Lombard Gallery** (New York) for their presentation of Michael Rakowitz's *The Invisible Enemy Should Not Exist, Room F, Section I, Northwest Palace of Nimrud* in 2021, and **Night Gallery** (Los Angeles) for their exhibition of Christine Wang's *Meme Girl* in 2020.

In addition to the monetary reward, the winning artist of the Pommery Prize has the opportunity to create a new work for an exhibition at the Domaine Vranken-Pommery in Reims, France. The Pommery Prize pays homage to Madame Pommery's love for the arts, continuing a tradition that started in 1882 when Madame Pommery commissioned French sculptor Gustav Navlet to create four sculptures for the cellars of the producer's estate. Each year since 2002, Pommery has opened the Gallo-Roman cellars to be used as a platform for artists to express their talents and create unique works of art for the Expérience Pommery exhibition in September.

The 2023 **Platform** section is curated by **Eva Respini**, Deputy Director and Director of Curatorial Programs at Vancouver Art Gallery. Organized around the theme of Rewriting Histories, the section centers on artists who expand or challenge the canon of art, history, or culture.

TPC ART FINANCE PRESENTS PRIZE

TPC Art Finance returned for the second year to support the Presents Prize, established in 2017 and given to an exceptional and innovative presentation from the **Presents** section of the fair. **Embajada** received a prize of \$14,150. Jurors for the prize include **Felipe de Melo**, Art Advisor; **Naomi Baigell**, Managing Director of TPC Art Finance; **Josh Lilly**, Gallerist; and **Marcela Guerrero**, Associate Curator at the Whitney Museum of American Art.

Past winners of the prize have included **Rutger Brandt Gallery** (Amsterdam) for their presentation of Radenko Milak in 2022; **SARAI Gallery (SARADIPOUR)** (Tehran) for its presentation of Moslem Khezri in 2021; **Upfor** (Portland) for its exhibition of work by Julie Green in 2020; **Charlie James Gallery's** (Los Angeles) presentation of Sadie Barnette in 2019; and **blank projects** (Cape Town), who exhibited Igshaan Adams and Cinga Samson in 2018.

SAUER ARTIST PRIZE

For the second year, The Armory Show has partnered with Sauer for a prize awarded to an artist in the Focus section. The Sauer Artist Prize was awarded to **Rajni Perera** presented

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by **Patel Brown** (Toronto, Montreal). The prize of \$10,000 is awarded to an artist of excellence presented within the section. Jurors for the prize include **Bernardo Mosquera**, Chief Curator at Institute for Studies on Latin American Art; **Lara Bjork**, Art Advisor; and **Stephanie Wenk**, Creative Director of Sauer.

The previous winner of the Sauer Artist Prize was **Claudia Peña Salinas**, presented by **Curro** (Guadalajara) and **Embajada** (San Juan).

The 2023 **Focus** section is curated by **Candice Hopkins**, Director and Chief Curator of Forge Project. The section is dedicated to solo- and dual-artist presentations, and centers on emerging and established voices that uncover hidden histories and little-known narratives.

NOTE TO EDITORS

The Armory Show

A cornerstone of New York's cultural landscape since its founding in 1994, The Armory Show brings the world's leading international contemporary and modern art galleries to New York each year.

The fair plays a leading role in the city's position as an important cultural capital through elevated presentations, thoughtful programming, curatorial leadership, meaningful institutional partnerships, and engaging public art activations.

The Armory Show 2023 will launch the fall arts season, bringing the international art world to New York at the Javits Center in September. The VIP Preview for the 2023 fair took place on September 7, with the fair opening its doors to the public September 8–10.

Important Information for Media

Fair Dates

VIP Preview Day (by invitation only)

Thursday, September 7, 2023

Public Days

Friday, September 8–Sunday, September 10, 2023

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