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Museum of the Year 2022: Official awards ceremony of the German section of AICA on September 10 at the Kunstmuseen Krefeld

In March, the Kunstmuseen Krefeld were honored with the most important award for museums in Germany. The Kaiser Wilhelm Museum and Haus Lange Haus Esters were named the *Museum of the Year 2022* by the German section of AICA (Association Internationale des Critiques d'Art). The Kunstmuseen Krefeld are inviting you to the official AICA awards ceremony on Joseph-Beuys-Platz in front of the Kaiser Wilhelm Museum. In addition to the *Museum of the Year*, the two other prizewinners are also being honored: The art collective Atis Rezistans from Haiti for the *Exhibition of the Year 2022* and *Another World* with the artist Christopher Kulendran Thomas at the KW Institute for Contemporary Art in Berlin as *Special Exhibition 2022*. The official ceremony will be opened by the Minister of Culture and Science of the State of North Rhine-Westphalia, Ina Brandes, the Mayor of the City of Krefeld, Frank Meyer, the president of the German section of AICA, Kolja Reichert, and the director of the Kunstmuseen Krefeld, Katia Baudin.

Ina Brandes, Minister for Culture and Science of the State of North Rhine-Westphalia, states: "I am extraordinarily pleased that the German section of AICA has named the Kunstmuseen Krefeld the Museum of the Year 2022! In the recent years the Kaiser Wilhelm Museum and Haus Lange Haus Esters have set new standards with the quality and topicality of their exhibitions and their strong educational program, with which they reached old and young people from widely different backgrounds. I am convinced that the Kunstmuseen Krefeld will also play an important role in addressing current themes and discussions in the future. Their distinctive combination of the fine and applied arts contributes to making Krefeld a distinctive venue on the museum landscape nationally and internationally!"

The Mayor of the City of Krefeld, Frank Meyer, is also gratified: "I am very pleased that the Kunstmuseen Krefeld are getting the attention they deserve thanks to this prestigious award. Katia Baudin's team has presented many high-caliber exhibitions in recent years and developed a unique profile in the process. Increasingly, that is being appreciated even beyond Krefeld. In the celebrations of the city's anniversary in particular, the Kaiser Wilhelm Museum and Haus Lange Haus Esters are important calling cards because they embody equally its history, its present, and its avant-garde look into the future."

The critics of the German section of AICA have pointed out that the program of the Kunstmuseen Krefeld has made them important pioneers in the interdisciplinary "polyvocality" of artistic fields, which has once again become a subject of lively discussion.

The director of the Kunstmuseen Krefeld, Katia Baudin, explains: "My team and I are proud of this great recognition of our work. The guiding principle for our program has been focusing on our institution's unmistakable profile, with its interdisciplinary approach and multifaceted history, and shedding new light on it in the context of current debates.

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We are fortunate to have been granted the opportunity to host the awards ceremony and to welcome the other prizewinners in Krefeld. As a public museum, we would like to use this occasion to thank the citizens and our supporters for their trust in our work and to invite everyone to celebrate with us!"

"The Kunstmuseen Krefeld, founded more than 120 years ago, continue to strive for a close connection of art, design, and architecture," the AICA notes in its official statement. "The principle of dialogue between the exhibitions at the Haus Lange, the Haus Esters, and the Kaiser Wilhelm Museum is becoming the standard. They juxtapose current positions from all fields and compare them productively with historical ones," explains Danièle Perrier, the former president of the German section of AICA and the presenter of the *Museum of the Year 2022* award.

These welcomes will be followed by citations honoring the prizewinners of the AICA awards: Sabine Maria Schmidt will pay tribute to the awarding of *Exhibition of the Year 2022* to the collective Atis Rezistans of Porte-au-Prince, Haiti, for its show in the former church of St. Kunigundis during documenta 15 in Kassel. Will Fredo Furtado will honor the presentation *Another World* at the KW Institute for Contemporary Art / KUNST-WERKE in Berlin with works by Christopher Kulendran Thomas as *Special Exhibition 2022*, and Danièle Perrier, former president of the German section of AICA, will pay tribute to the Kunstmuseen Krefeld as *Museum of the Year 2022*. The awards ceremony will be held on Joseph-Beuys-Platz in front of the Kaiser Wilhelm Museum. The event will be framed by the music of the Ensemble CRUSH. Everyone is warmly invited to participate in the event and the program that follows it. All three institutions will be open from 11 a.m. to 7 p.m. on that Sunday with free admission.

Following the ceremony, and until 7 p.m., all three institutions are offering an extensive program of events. The offerings on that day include free guided tours of the exhibitions at the KWM and Haus Lange Haus Esters, a textile workshop to join in at the KWM, and at Haus Lange Haus Esters a workshop for children and teenagers as well as numerous artist and designer talks in the exhibition *Produktive Räume: Art and Design from Krefeld*, which closes on that Sunday. Just before the exhibition closes, the social-design object *SO!2 Carpet* by designer Julia Timmer will be auctioned at 6:30 p.m.

A shuttle service from the Kaiser Wilhelm Museum to Haus Lange Haus Esters and back begins at 1 p.m. and is free to all visitors. Food and drinks will be offered at all three venues.

Information about the complete program of the event and our press release on the *Museum of the Year 2022* award is available on our website: www.kunstmuseenkrefeld.de.

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