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Erste Bank Hungary art scholarship continues

AMADEUS Arts Foundation, Pécs University of Science and Erste Bank cooperate to support young artists

Budapest, 6 May 2011 – Young artists submitted close to 90 works of art to the Erste-Amadeus scholarship, a grant in its second year now, which was now extended to students Ms. Anita Erdődy (painter) and József Frenzl (sculptor). Both young artists will be receiving a HUF 80,000 monthly grant for one year. In the scholarship program organised by Erste Bank Hungary, AMADEUS Arts Foundation and PTEMK [Faculty of Visual Arts, Pécs University of Science], 15 additional one-off grants of HUF 120,000 each were handed out as well.

“Sponsoring culture is one of the core components of Erste Bank Hungary’s sponsorship philosophy,” Ms. Emese Danks, head of communication at Erste Bank Hungary said following the award ceremony. The bank deems it important to stand by sophisticated and value-conveying culture, and thus the financial institution was delighted to participate in establishing the scholarship last year in collaboration with the foundation and the university. The bank is confident the program would provide young talents with material support at the initial stage of their artistic careers.

Dr. Péter Balogh, Chairman of the Board of Trustees for Amadeus Arts Foundation, said he was very happy to see such a high level of interest on the part of students for the scholarship program established jointly by Erste bank and PTEMK and that how seriously students had taken the challenge presented by the application. He also expressed his delight at the foundation again providing two very talented students with a carefree academic year courtesy of the Bank.

Painter and sculptor students from the Faculty of Visual Arts at Pécs University of Science in their sophomore, third and fourth year were encouraged to apply for the Erste-AMADEUS creators’ scholarship with two works of art apiece, which are automatically entered into the Junior Creator Scholarship. Students in their senior year could also apply for fifteen one-off prizes with one work of art each.

Nearly 90 works of art were received for the seven-strong panel to select the winners from. The panel comprised of Dr. Colin Foster, dean, head of department, sculptor; Ms. Mária Chilf, painter, holder of Munkácsy Award; Péter Somody, painter; Dr Károly Hantos, sculptor; Ms. Emese Danks, Head of Communication Department, and Deputy CEO János Major on behalf of Erste Bank Hungary; and Péter Balogh, Chairman of the Board of Trustees for Amadeus Arts Foundation.

As a promotion to the scholarship application, the organisers held a one-off poster contest which was won by Ms. Szilvia Fegyverneki, thus her creation was selected as the official poster of the exhibition showcasing the works of art submitted to the application and also as the invite to the event.

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An exhibition consisting of the works created for the application will be held between 6 and 15 May 2011 at Nádor Galéria [Nádor Gallery] in Pécs. Subsequently, the awarded works of art will be put on display in Erste Bank's branch in Rákóczi Square in Pécs until the middle of summer.

Creators' Scholarships were awarded to:

Painter: Ms. Anita Erdődy (Forest III.)

Sculptor: József Frenzl (Liquid)

Junior Creator Scholarships were awarded to:

Ms. Borbála Berki (Musical Instrument Sculpture)

Péter Donka (Geometry)

Antal Icsa (Bread and Butter, Coffee)

Péter Kelemen (Under Weight)

Ms. Olívia Kovács (Missing with Aunt Ilus)

Ms. Gabriella Szabó (Exposure VIII.)

Ms. Éva Szakál (Decision I-II-III.)

Ms. Dorottya Szalai (Not My Cup of Tea I.)

Ms. Szilvia Villányi (Pan-O-Rama, Man with Shadow)

Gergő Horváth (Birthday)

Kolos Márk Kovács (Gateway)

László Ormay (No Title)

Ferenc Szakács (Vest)

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