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Portrait of Mimosa Echard
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Mimosa Echard

Laureate of the Prix Marcel Duchamp 2022

The jury convened on Monday 17 October 2022 to choose the winner of the Prix Marcel Duchamp from among the four artists nominated for this edition: Giulia Andreani, Iván Argote, Philippe Decrauzat and Mimosa Echard.

These deliberations followed a presentation of the artists by their reporters, respectively: Nadia Yala Kisukidi, Kathryn Weir, Julien Fronsacq, and Jill Gasparina.

The jury, consisting of seven personalities – Xavier Rey, Claude Bonnin, Pedro Barbosa, Cécile Debray, Elsy Lahner, Nathalie Mamane-Cohen, and Akemi Shiraha – awarded the Prix Marcel Duchamp 2022 to Mimosa Echard.

Born in Alès in 1986, Mimosa Echard lives and works in Paris. She is represented by the Chantal Crousel gallery in Paris and the Martina Simeti gallery in Milan, Italy.

"Of the four excellent finalists representing the creative variety of the French scene, this year's Prix Marcel Duchamp is awarded to Mimosa Echard for an uncompromising work which, by assembling organic and non-organic, natural and artificial, and often antagonistic materials, achieves a formally assured and protean result. In tune with the challenges of our time, and without Manichaeism, she pushes back the expressive limits of the different mediums in order to present a powerful aesthetic experience that integrates many public preoccupations, such as the power of images, the visible and the hidden, control of the body, equality, and relations between space and society."

Xavier Rey, Director of the Musée National d'art moderne, President of the jury

"In an environment of sickness, war and uncertainty, art is not superfluous, it is essential! The Prix Marcel Duchamp is not a competition, but a selection of artists who shine a light on the French scene in order to promote it throughout the world.

More than a prize, it is a complete support system for artists with the ADIAF program of international exhibitions and residencies for finalists: in France, in the Manufacture de Sèvres, and in the United States for an exploratory residency with Villa Albertine which, in 2023, will host Mimosa Echard, winner of the 22nd edition, whom I wish to congratulate."

Claude Bonnin, President of the Association for the International Diffusion of French Art

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