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Kitty Kraus

blauorange 2008 prizewinners' exhibition

Kunstverein Heilbronn

7 November to 12 December 2008

Opening of the exhibition and awards ceremony: 6 November 2008, 7:00 p.m

Kitty Kraus uses materials and physical processes in her sculptures and installations in unexpected ways. She breaks down the original forms made of glass, fabric, tar or ink; for example, she cuts up suits and uses the pieces as elements in space to draw connections between the floor and walls of a room. Her black cube of frozen ink water contains a light bulb that melts the cube into a black spot. The handle of a shopping cart or the condenser of a refrigerator are broken out of their original settings as objets trouvés.

In the prizewinner's exhibition that accompanies the blauorange art prize, Kitty Kraus presents installations of her previous works as well as new ones. Kraus is currently working with chrome, which challenges her with its flawless, reflective surface. A new work in glass – naturally with a nominal breakpoint – could also be appropriate for the rooms of the Kunstverein Heilbronn, where she will begin setting up the exhibition this week.

In addition to the prizewinner's exhibition, Kitty Kraus is also working on an artist's book which is likewise supported as part of the blauorange art prize awarded by the German cooperative banks and which will be published after the exhibition.

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Kitty Kraus, the winner of the 2008 blauorange art prize of the German cooperative banks (Deutsche Volksbanken und Raiffeisenbanken), was born in Heidelberg in 1976. She studied fine arts there until 2006 and was a master student of Lothar Baumgarten. She had her first solo exhibitions in Berlin, Vienna and Zurich.

The opening of the exhibition and awards ceremony will take place on 6 November 2008 at 7:00 p.m. at the Kunstverein Heilbronn. The prizewinner's exhibition, curated by Bettina Klein, will be on display there from 7 November to 12 December 2008.

Further information is available at www.blauorange.bvr.de.

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