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Danh Vo is the winner of the blauorange art prize

The winner of the 2007 blauorange art prize awarded by the Deutsche Volksbanken und Raiffeisenbanken (German Cooperative Banks) has been chosen. Yesterday evening the blauorange jury selected Danh Vo, who studied at the Royal Academy in Copenhagen, Denmark and at the Städelschule in Frankfurt am Main, Germany. Vo is a Danish citizen and has lived in Berlin since 2003. His installations, which are composed of documents, photos and appropriations of works of other artists, address the issues of identity and belonging. The jury was impressed by his "poetic and conceptual strategies, his interaction with parallel worlds at various levels and his storytelling technique." Vo will receive a total of 20,000 euros, will show his works at a solo exhibition and publish a monographic catalogue.

Two other artists also made the jury's shortlist. Claus Richter's installations and videos depict with both derision and fascination the world of science fiction and fantasy fan culture. Asli Sungu's video works lead the viewer from distilled experience and practical reflections on life to existential questions.

The art prize awarded by the Deutsche Volks- und Raiffeisenbanken is now underpinned by the new blauorange concept: The prize, which is awarded annually, focuses on encouraging and supporting young artists living in Germany. A jury composed of art association ("Kunstverein") directors selects the winners from nominations by professors at German art academies. The new art prize is the successor to the prize awarded during the past 15 years (most recently known as blueOrange), and better reflects the philosophy of encouraging and supporting young artists as well as the decentralised structure of the cooperative banking group.

The blauorange 2007 winner's exhibition will be held at the Brandenburgischer Kunstverein (BKV) in Potsdam, Germany beginning on 23 November 2007.

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

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