

ANNOUNCEMENT
OF THE ART AWARD

FBZ ART AWARD 2024

OF THE MENTAL HEALTH RESEARCH
AND TREATMENT CENTER (MHRTC/FBZ),
RUHR UNIVERSITY BOCHUM

Since 2018, the Mental Health Research and Treatment Center (FBZ) has awarded an annual art prize of up to 10,000 € in the context of the "FBZ art award". The interplay of psyche, art and health fulfills an important function in the psychotherapy concept of the FBZ and is seen as a significant element for the success of the psychotherapy facility. Over 4000 children, adolescents and adults with mental disorders are treated here every year. The FBZ thus plays an important role in the care of people with mental health problems in Bochum and the entire Ruhr region.

The FBZ is committed to offering scientifically sound psychotherapy in a context that is appreciative of people with mental disorders and does justice to their state of mind. The art prize "FBZ art award" provides both unknown and well-known artists with a new methodological context.

The jury, consisting of the FBZ Board of Directors, a representative of the FBZ's psychotherapy outpatient clinic management and two art experts, awards an annual art prize for this purpose. The networking of the FBZ art collection with the art collections of the Ruhr University Bochum is an important feature of this art prize, and the participants in the final round exhibit their work at the FBZ for two months. Following the exhibition and award ceremony, the FBZ will add the artwork selected by the jury to its collection.

Conditions of Participation

→ All trained artists in the European Union¹ are eligible to participate. It should be noted that the works in the treatment center are publicly accessible and patients have daily contact with them. Personal background and experience with psychological and psychotherapeutic treatments are not required and are not a prerequisite for participation. Former nominees may reapply. The application can be made in German as well as in English.

¹Trained artists are all persons with a university degree in fine arts.

Genre

→ Painting, sculpture, installation, drawings, graphics, photography

Prize Money

→ Prize money of up to 10,000 € and exhibition at the FBZ. The prize money is expected to go to one prize winner, in special cases, the prize money may be split. The prize money does not have to correspond to the estimated value of the artwork stated in the application.

Duration and Deadlines

→ Invitation to tender: January 10, 2024, to February 15, 2024
→ Deadline: February 15, 2024, 11.59 pm
→ Exhibition opening: presumably end of May 2024
→ Awarding of the prize: presumably end of June 2024

Please submit the following documents

→ short Curriculum Vitae
→ selected exhibition participations
→ brief overview of previous works (max. 5)
→ a selected, clearly marked work for evaluation (this work can also comprise several works as a series)
→ the completed, personally signed entry form (is attached as a separate PDF file to the call for entries)
→ an artist statement can be submitted voluntarily

Submission format

Only digital submissions will be accepted for the application. This must contain in one PDF summarized both the (1) application form, (2) overview of previous works, as well as (3) the submitted work and (4) the curriculum vitae. No links (WeTransfer or similar portals) will be accepted, nor will zip folders. Please compress your application accordingly. The application file must be named as follows: Surname First name (e.g. Mustermann Max).

Submit your application by e-mail only to the following e-mail address: fbz-art-award@rub.de.

The FBZ reserves the right to change the conditions of participation at any time in order to optimize processes. In the event of substantial changes, all participants will be informed in good time.

The legal process is excluded. Only entries that clearly meet all the criteria for entries and are submitted on time will be considered. The selection process will take place in several stages.

- Insurance** We would like to point out that the works during the exhibition in the FBZ are not insured separately. The building has a security service and closing hours. Access is controlled.
- Transport** Per artist of the shortlist selection a total of 600 € is available for delivery for the exhibition at the FBZ. This amount cannot be exceeded. Pay particular attention to this when applying internationally and selecting the artworks to be submitted. The transport will be organized by the FBZ.
- Further Information** → <https://fbz-bochum.de/fbz-art-award>
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- Deadline for submission** → February 15, 2024
- Jury selection date** → May 2024

The registration form can be found in a separate PDF file.