

# Art Rotterdam 2019

7 - 10 February

## Announcement of the nominees for the NN Group Art Award

Award ceremony on Wednesday, 6 February during the opening of Art Rotterdam 2019

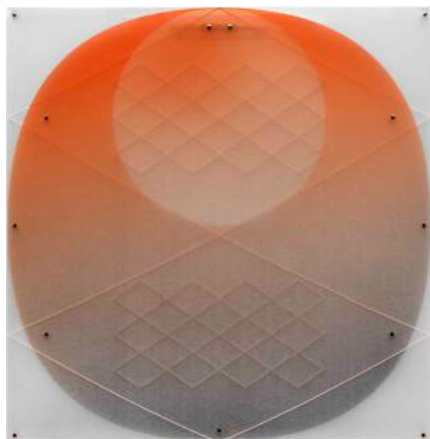


Credits: Matea Bakula, *The escape of the soft sounds*, 2018 - LumenTravoGalerie



Credits: Katja Mater, *Tiled 06*, 2015 - Martin van Zomeren

The NN Group Art Award, an incentive prize for exceptional talent, will be awarded at Art Rotterdam for the third consecutive year. The four nominees are: Matea Bakula (Lumen Travo Galerie), Harm van den Dorpel (Upstream Gallery), Katja Mater (Galerie Martin van Zomeren) and Femmy Otten (Galerie Fons Welters). Like last year's laureate, Pauline Curnier Jardin (Ellen de Bruijne Projects), the winner will receive an incentive prize of € 10,000. Work by the four nominees will be on display at Art Rotterdam 2019.



Credits: Harm van den Dorpel, *Lammer Asbestus*, 2018 - Upstream Gallery



Credits: Femmy Otten, *One Year in Ten #2*, 2017 - Galerie Fons Welters

### NN Group Art Award

All four nominees have attended an arts academy or post-doctoral programme in the Netherlands. The winner will receive an incentive prize of €10.000 intended for further professional development. In addition, the NN Group will purchase a work by one of four nominees for its own corporate collection. This year's jury consists of Eelco van der Lingen (curator, Fries Museum and coming director Mondriaan Fund), Lieneke Hulshof (editor in chief, Mister Motley), Liesbeth Willems (curator KRC Collection), Marcel van Eeden (visual artist) and Els Drummen (curator NN Group Art Collection).

### About NN Group

NN Group is an international insurer and financial services provider. NN Group is active in 18 countries offering services to over 17 million customers. As part of our social engagement, NN Group has had a broad artistic and cultural profile for many years, aiming to make art and culture accessible for a wide audience. As such, NN Group invests in cultural partnerships with Dutch museums and artists. This is reflected by our support of exhibitions and by purchasing art for our corporate collection.

### About Art Rotterdam

*Art Rotterdam is a renown and surprisingly varied art fair that will be celebrating its 20<sup>th</sup> anniversary this year. Once again, the venue is the Van Nelle Fabriek. Against this historic backdrop, Art Rotterdam will show the latest developments in visual arts. The focus on young art, the variety of different sections, the connection to the city of Rotterdam as well as the fascinating site lend Art Rotterdam its unique appeal. For an increasing number of art enthusiasts Art Rotterdam has become an attractive fixture on the international art fair calendar. As such, Art Rotterdam manages attract more visitor from home and abroad with every edition.*

#### **INVITATION Press Preview and Preview | Art Rotterdam | WEDNESDAY 6 FEBRUARY**

During the special press preview you'll have the opportunity speak to Fons Hof (Director Art Rotterdam), Hester Alberdingk Thijm (Director AkzoNobel Art Foundation), Tiago de Abreu Pinto (New Art Section), Martha Kirszenbaum (Projections) and Macha Roesink (curator Mondriaan Fund Prospects&Concepts). Robin Chadha (CMO CitizenM Hotels) and Els Drummen (conservator NN Group Art Collection) will also be attending the press preview. The winner of the NN Group Art Award will be announced in the NN Group Art Award stand during the opening of Art Rotterdam on 6 February from 7 to 7:15 pm, where presentations by the nominees are on display.

#### **Programme Press Preview – Wednesday, 6 February 2019 Place: Reflections Room at Art Rotterdam**

Please collect your press badge at the press desk in the central hall upon arrival.

12:15 – 12:30: Welcome with lunch  
12:30 – 12:35: Word of welcome by Fons Hof, director Art Rotterdam  
12:35 – 12:40: Robin Chadha, CMO of citizenM Hotels, about *citizenM Cinema*  
12:40 – 12:45: Els Drummen, curator NN Group Art Collection, about the NN Group Art Award  
12:45 – 12:50: Hester Alberdingk Thijm, director AkzoNobel Art Foundation, about *Now/Forever*  
12:50 – 12:55: Macha Roesink, curator on behalf of the Mondriaan Fund, about *Prospects & Concepts*  
13.00: End

The exclusive Art Rotterdam Preview will take place immediately after the Press Preview, which is also accessible for the press.

RSVP at [arabella@coebergh.nl](mailto:arabella@coebergh.nl) or call +31 (0)20 470 87 87  
Please let us know if you will attend.

#### **Art Rotterdam**

Van Nelle Fabriek | Van Nelleweg 1 | 3044 BC | Rotterdam

- Thursday, 7 February: 11:00 am – 7:00 pm  
- Friday, 8 February: 11:00 am – 7:00 pm  
- Saturday, 9 February: 11:00 am – 7:00 pm  
- Sunday, 10 February: 11:00 am – 7:00 pm  
*Entrance €19.50 | Online tickets €16.50 | Children up to age 12 free*

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