



Camille Kaiser Kiefer Hablitzel | Göhner Art Prize 2022

Camille Kaiser (b. 1992 in Geneva) is the winner of the *Kiefer Hablitzel | Göhner Art Prize 2022*. Seven prizes are awarded each year by the two foundations for the promotion of young Swiss art. The award of the special prize to the Geneva artist is linked to a solo exhibition at the Aargauer Kunsthaus, opening on April 1, 2023.



Camille Kaiser, *Photographs By The Sea, 1962, 2022*
Prints, risographic prints, textile, videos, A4, 125 x 230 cm, 23'
Photo: Courtesy BAK/OFC, Guadalupe Ruiz, 2022

In *Photographs by the Sea*, Camille Kaiser calls into question the huge efforts invested in preserving a cultural heritage that is bound up with colonial history, as well as the difficulty of reestablishing what they involved. She reconstructs the research she pursued in the photographic archives of the French Armed Forces: among the millions of images gleaned with the help of key words, she identified one series devoted to the repatriation, from Algeria to France, of military commemorative statuary. Thus, within days of Algeria's Declaration of Independence in 1962, several hundred tons of concrete, bronze, and marble crossed the Mediterranean. Video screens installed on the ground convey the sheer weight and oppressiveness of that episode; the multiple scenes unfolding on them bring

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these historical records back to life. This, although the artist was told: "There are sometimes images that do not exist."

Camille Kaiser (b. 1992) lives and works in Geneva, Switzerland. In her research-based works, Camille Kaiser explores fiction as an artistic and political strategy. Image and text serve as her means of drawing attention to historical gaps and rewriting collective narratives.

Solo exhibition at the Aargauer Kunsthaus

The special award to Camille Kaiser comes in the form of a solo exhibition at the Aargauer Kunsthaus from April 1 to May 28, 2023. A monography will be published on the occasion of the exhibition.

Kiefer Hablitzel | Göhner Art Prize

The Kiefer Hablitzel | Göhner Art Prize applies to Swiss or Switzerland-based artists under 30 years of age. The Prize is awarded in close cooperation with the Swiss Federal Office of Culture and the Ernst Göhner Foundation. Additionally to the maximum of seven prizes of 15'000.- CHF each, as a special award, a solo exhibition at a Swiss institution for one artist is organized, accompanied by a publication. This solo exhibition takes place in the year after it is awarded. For the first time held at the Kunsthaus Fri Art in Fribourg in 2022, in 2023 it will take place at the Aargauer Kunsthaus.

Swiss Art Awards

An entire section of the Swiss Art Awards in Basel is devoted to the works by the Kiefer Hablitzel | Göhner Art Prize 2022 nominees, so that the artistic practice of Swiss artists under 30 is united in one space.

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An exhibition by the Swiss Federal Office of Culture

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