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## **The 2017 ADKV-ART COLOGNE Award for Kunstvereine goes to the Hartware MedienKunstVerein in Dortmund (HMKV)**

Berlin/Cologne, April 6th, 2017. An independent jury chose the Hartware MedienKunstVerein Dortmund to receive this year's winner of the 8,000 euro Award for Kunstvereine, which since 2006 has been awarded by the Arbeitsgemeinschaft Deutscher Kunstvereine (ADKV) in cooperation with ART COLOGNE.

The jury explained their decision as such: The conceptually compelling work of the Hartware MedienKunstVerein Dortmund was convincing. At the forefront of their spectacular themed exhibitions are socially relevant questions spanning all genres. The Verein pays particular attention to public outreach and contemporary communication strategies. By laying particular focus on the area of media art the Verein has been able to develop a broad program and to adopt principles which under curatorial guidelines integrate artists and the public into the decision making process in equal measure. Moreover the Hartware MedienKunstVerein plays a pivotal role in supervising the program for media artists launched by the state of North Rhine-Westphalia.

Member of the jury 2017 were: Heike Ander (curator Glasmoog/Kunsthochschule für Medien Köln), Jörn Bötnagel (gallerist, Berlin), Ulrike Mohr (artist, Berlin), Ludwig Seyfarth (publicist and curator, Berlin) und Christoph Tannert (artistic director of Künstlerhaus Bethanien, Berlin).

This year 21 Kunstvereine were nominated for the prize: Galerie Nord / Kunstverein Tiergarten, Berlin; Schinkelpavillon, Berlin; Kunstverein Braunschweig; Kunstverein Bremerhaven; Hartware MedienKunstVerein Dortmund; riesa efau, Dresden; TMA Trans-Media-Akademie Hellerau, Dresden; Kunstverein in Hamburg; Kunstverein St. Pauli, Hamburg; Kunstverein Hannover; Kunstverein Heilbronn; D21 Kunstraum Leipzig; Overbeck Gesellschaft - Verein von Kunstfreunden, Lübeck; Kunstverein Ludwigshafen; Kunstverein Neuhausen; Kunstverein Schwimmhalle Schloss Plön; Kunstverein Reutlingen; Neuer Saarbrücker Kunstverein; Kunstverein Schwerin; Württembergischer Kunstverein, Stuttgart and Nassauischer Kunstverein Wiesbaden, which because of the director Elke Gruhn's membership on the ADKV board was removed from the contest.

Previous winners are: Kunstverein Arnsberg and Kunstverein Harburger Bahnhof in Hamburg (2016); Kunstverein für die Rheinlande und Westfalen, Düsseldorf (2015); Bielefelder Kunstverein (2014); Neuer Berliner Kunstverein (2013); Badischer Kunstverein, Karlsruhe (2012); Kunstverein Nürnberg – Albrecht Dürer Gesellschaft (2011); Kölnischer Kunstverein (2010); Heidelberger Kunstverein (2009); Salzburger Kunstverein and Westfälischer Kunstverein, Münster (2008); Kunstverein Wolfsburg (2007); ACC Galerie Weimar (2006).

**The prize will be awarded on Friday, April 28<sup>th</sup>, 2017 at 15:00 in the TALKS LOUNGE in Hall 11.3 of the ART COLOGNE along with the ADKV-ART COLOGNE Award for Art Criticism.**

Welcome: Daniel Hug, Director of ART COLOGNE and Meike Behm, Chairwoman of ADKV.

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