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Artist shortlist for the BMW Art Journey announced during Art Basel in Miami

BMW ART JOURNEY

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USPA NEWS - Founded in 1970 by gallerists from Basel, Art Basel today stages the world's premier art shows for Modern and contemporary art, sited in Basel, Miami Beach, and Hong Kong. Art Basel´s engagement has expanded beyond art fairs through a number of new initiatives.

In 2014, Art Basel launched its Crowdfunding Initiative, in collaboration with Kickstarter. This initiative presents jury-selected art projects to potential benefactors, which include Art Basel´s vibrant audience and the Kickstarter community. The initiative has catalyzed much-needed support for outstanding non-commercial art projects worldwide and so far has helped pledge over $1.2 million to creative projects around the world. For Art Basel Cities, launched in 2016, Art Basel is working with selected partner cities to develop vibrant and content-driven programs specific to the individual city.

The BMW Art Journey is a new global collaboration between Art Basel and BMW, which has been created to recognize and support emerging artists worldwide. The prize is open to artists who are showing in Discoveries and Positions in the Hong Kong and Miami Beach show respectively. Two judging expert panels, comprised of internationally renowned experts, shortlist three artists, who are then invited to submit proposals for a journey aimed to further develop their ideas and artistic work. The next judging of the BMW Art Journey will be held during Art Basel in Hong Kong, where three artists from the Discoveries sector will be shortlisted next March.

Art Basel and BMW continue their joint initiative to recognize and support emerging artists worldwide with the announcement of the shortlist for the BMW Art Journey on December 1, during this year's Art Basel in Miami Beach. The shortlisted artists are: Max Hooper Schneider, Maggie Lee and Beto Shwafaty. Like a mobile studio, the BMW Art Journey can take artists almost anywhere in the world to develop new ideas and envision new creative projects.

Today, an international expert jury announced the following shortlist of three artists showing in Positions, the sector for emerging artists at Art Basel's Miami Beach show:

Max Hooper Schneider at High Art, Paris
Max Hooper Schneider (b. 1982) lives and works in Los Angeles. He studied biology and architectural landscape at Harvard University and his work is the result of what can be described as 'recalcitrant experimentation'. In his practice, he specifically pays attention to the evolving relationship between philosophy and nature. At this year´s Art Basel in Miami Beach, Schneider is presenting an installation consisting of a group of works functioning as a classification of objects.

Maggie Lee at Real Fine Arts, New York
Maggie Lee (b. 1987) lives and works in Brooklyn, New York. The Taiwanese American artist received her Bachelor of Fine Arts in Printmaking at the Pratt Institute in 2009. At Art Basel in Miami Beach, the multimedia artist is presenting an immersive installation of new works in various formats, conceived as a teenage girl´s bedroom, where each of the objects are individual works including a television, hanging sculptures and wall works that combine collaged elements and create a multi-layered experience.

Beto Shwafaty at Prometeogallery di Ida Pisani, Milan, Lucca
Beto Shwafaty (b. 1977) lives and works in Brazil. In 2015 he received the FOCO Bradesco/ArtRio Award as well as the ICCo/SP-Arte Award. He develops a research-based practice on spaces, histories and visualities. Shwafaty´s exhibition at Art Basel in Miami Beach contains an installation of video, sculpture, objects and printed matter to compose a display that evokes aspects linked to the management of land, population, political imagery and aesthetics. His solo exhibitions include City Museum of SÃ£o Paulo, Parc, Lima and Lampione, Frankfurt am Main.

The members of the expert jury in Miami Beach are:

Massimiliano Gioni, Artistic Director New Museum, New York
Gabriele Horn, Director Berlin Biennale, Berlin

Victoria Noorthoorn, Director Museo de Arte Moderno, Buenos Aires
Bisi Silva, Director Centre for Contemporary Art, Lagos
Philip Tinari, Director Ullens Center for Contemporary Art (UCCA), Beijing

'The jury was very excited about this year's quality of presentations in the Positions sector. The diversity “ both geographical and conceptual “ of the participating artists and galleries “Žallowed for a singular and energizing overview of emerging art today. As always when faced with such great artists, the choice was quite difficult, but the jury unanimously agreed on these three artists,' states the jury.

In collaboration with the winning artist, the journey will be documented and shared with the public through publications, online and social media.

During this year's show in Miami Beach, Abigail Reynolds, latest winner of the BMW Art Journey, presents first works she has created from her travels. On display in the BMW Lounge will be photographs documenting the first leg of her journey exploring lost libraries along the Silk Road.

Upcoming Art Basel shows
Miami Beach, December 1-4, 2016
Hong Kong, March 23-25, 2017
Basel, June 15-18, 2017

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