

## **Wilhelm Lehmbruck Prize 2017 for Rebecca Horn Award Ceremony and Opening of the Exhibition on 24 November 2017**

**On 21 June 2017, an international jury awarded the Wilhelm Lehmbruck Prize of the City of Duisburg to artist Rebecca Horn. A date has now been fixed for the award ceremony: The Wilhelm Lehmbruck Prize 2017 will be presented to Rebecca Horn at the Lehmbruck Museum, Duisburg, on 24 November 2017 at 6 p.m. The laudatory speech will be given by Peter Raue, Berlin. The evening will also mark the opening of a large exhibition of Rebecca Horn's latest works entitled "Hauchkörper als Lebenszyklus" (Breathing Bodies as a Life Cycle).**

Rebecca Horn declares herself honoured by the distinction: "I feel great joy at being awarded the Wilhelm Lehmbruck Prize 2017 with its accompanying solo show at the wonderful Lehmbruck Museum. I see myself in a line of fellow artist I admire, including Kounellis, Oldenburg, Beuys, Serra, Tinguely, and it is with a certain degree of satisfaction that I note that I'm the first woman in the history of this renowned prize to be honoured in this way."

"The City of Duisburg is proud: the Wilhelm Lehmbruck Prize will be awarded to the brilliant and versatile artist Rebecca Horn. I am looking forward to the award ceremony and the upcoming exhibition as one of the highlights in the cultural life of Duisburg," says Lord Mayor and chairman of the board of trustees of the Wilhelm Lehmbruck Foundation, Sören Link.

Thomas Krützberg, the city's head of cultural affairs, expresses his satisfaction that "we found this early date for the exhibition, in agreement with the artist, so that the award ceremony and opening can take place this year."

The exhibition will premiere the artist's latest works: "In the past few months Rebecca Horn has created a number of works that are equally powerful and surprising and that open a whole new dimension in her body of work", says Dr. Söke Dinkla, director of the museum. "They are minimalist sculptures whose meditative movements mesmerise the beholder directly."

Isabel Pfeiffer-Poensgen, the new Minister of Culture and Science of the State of North Rhine-Westphalia, which has generously contributed to the funding of the exhibition, is very pleased about this award for an internationally renowned artist. She appreciates in particular that "the Wilhelm Lehmbruck Prize is a suitable recognition of Rebecca Horn's oeuvre and the unmistakable personal style she has developed over many years."

"Rebecca Horn's works have not been shown in an extensive exhibition in Germany since 2006," adds Ursula Sinnreich, general secretary of the NRW Foundation for the Arts, "which is why I'm especially happy for North Rhine-Westphalia that this exhibition will be presented at the Lehmbruck Museum in Duisburg. This is an additional reason for our special commitment to supporting this extraordinary art event."

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