

Press release

## Ceramic Brussels

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### Ceramic Brussels art prize

**Launch of ceramic brussels art prize:** a call to young artists on the European ceramics scene and a platform for promoting the diversity of approaches to contemporary creation.

#### **ceramic brussels art prize**

At the initiative of **ceramic brussels**, the first international art fair dedicated to contemporary ceramics, to be held in Brussels from January 25th to 28th 2024, the call is open to European artists not represented by a gallery, until September 5th 2023.

According to Jean-Marc Dimanche, co-director of **ceramic brussels**: *"With this wide-ranging call for artists based in Europe, in addition to the international call for applications for professional art galleries, we are confirming our ambition to develop a pioneering event dedicated to ceramics in Belgium and to establish a platform for supporting young contemporary artists."*

*"Our commitment includes simplifying the application process for artists, organising a group exhibition during the fair and covering the travel and accommodation costs of the 10 winning artists."*

#### **european call for participation**

The prize is open to European artists not represented by a gallery. Anyone can submit an application online until September 5<sup>th</sup> 2023 via the [ceramic.brussels website](https://ceramic.brussels).

The 10 winners will be announced by the end of September 2023 and exhibited in a group show during the first edition of **ceramic brussels**. The selected works will also be presented in a unique publication, initiated by the fair.

Other prizes will be awarded to artists during **ceramic brussels**, such as a solo exhibition during the 2025 edition, an international residency and an acquisition. (The list will be officially announced by the end of August 2023).

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## Jury 2024

The composition of the jury will be renewed every year. For the launch of this first edition of the **ceramic brussels art prize**, *"we are honoured to be able to count on a jury of professionals highly committed to contemporary creation, who have a curious and sharp eye for the young ceramics scene. The group exhibition will offer a scenography adapted to these creations and artistic approaches to ceramics, which are certainly multifaceted and diverse"* continues the co-director of ceramic brussels.

The **ceramic brussels art prize** 2024 jury:

- **Caroline Andrin** - Artiste et Head of the ceramics programme at La Cambre Visual Arts,
- **Jean-Marc Dimanche** – co-director of ceramic brussels, Independent artistic advisor, general curator of the Biennale de Mains de Maîtres Luxembourg,
- **Pascale Mussard-Siegrist** - Vice-president of the Fondation d'entreprise Hermès and President of the villa Noailles association,
- **Stéphanie Pécourt** - Curator and Director of the Centre Wallonie-Bruxelles in Paris,
- **Joël Riff** - Curator at Moly-Sabata, Fondation des Artistes (Sablons) and La Verrière, Fondation d'entreprise Hermès (Brussels).

## ceramic brussels I contemporary art fair

For several years now, ceramic has been making a strong comeback at the forefront of contemporary creation, supported by a series of pioneering artists (Johan Creten, Miquel Barceló, Grayson Perry and also Klara Kristalova, Carolein Smit and Anne Wenzel), to the point of crossing over into the practices of contemporary artists, opening up the field to new experimentation and benefiting from increased visibility within major exhibitions, museums and art galleries.

**ceramic brussels** rendez-vous will take the form of a committed fair, resolutely focused on showcasing contemporary ceramics. The fair is already proving an obvious and pertinent choice, given the enthusiastic feedback received during its development phase (from galleries, artists, collectors and international institutions in particular) and the applications received following the international call for galleries (currently open, closing 28.08.2023).

The fair is co-directed by a Franco-Belgian duo, Gilles Parmentier and Jean-Marc Dimanche. The artist Johan Creten will be the guest of honour of this 2024 edition.

## agenda

- 05.09.2023 > **ceramic brussels art prize** : call for artists closes
- 25.09.2023 > **ceramic brussels art prize** : announcement of the winning artists
- 25>28.01.2024 > **ceramic brussels** I contemporary art fair at Tour & Taxis – Brussels  
> **ceramic brussels art prize** : group show and awards ceremony

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