

# Press release The finalists – 2022 edition

# Contemporary Talents 12th edition

## ABOUT THE FRANÇOIS SCHNEIDER FOUNDATION

Between forest and mountain in a small Alsatian village in eastern France, on the border with Germany and Switzerland, the François Schneider Foundation is housed in a former bottling plant transformed into an art center where the spaces play on transparency and light.

A philanthropic foundation created in 2000 and recognized as a public utility in 2005, the François Schneider Foundation has a dual commitment to education and culture. It provides high school students with access to higher education through scholarships and supports contemporary artists in the development of their careers.

Since 2011, the Talents Contemporains competition rewards each year several artists for works or projects on the theme of water. Over the years, a unique art collection has been built up, testifying to the diversity of artistic practices of the 21st century. Today, nearly 80 works form a singular ensemble that runs counter to certain institutional trends, exhibited both in the art center and circulating in different regions.

The François Schneider Foundation conceives three exhibitions per year, alternating between the Contemporary Talents exhibitions, collaborations with major cultural institutions or by giving carte blanche to contemporary visual artists. The exhibitions question the theme of water and explore questions of environment and geography, imagination and travel, and more social commitments. Clouds, melting ice, water and the digital, water and comics are the various subjects of the latest projects. The off-site exhibitions present works from the collection locally, nationally and internationally.

Coupled with these exhibitions are conferences, round-table discussions, classical or contemporary music concerts, and live performances, offering complementary visions to the visual works and the theme of water. Numerous workshops and different forms of mediation are proposed to a varied public. (family, school, hospital, socioeducational environment, association...). Artists' residencies complete this support to creation. A vast garden of sculptures and fountains also offers a delightful walk.

Nature, art and education converse happily and meet along the water. The François Schneider Foundation is a place of escape, reflection and sharing.

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### THE FINALISTS OF THE CONTEMPORARY TALENTS COMPETITION 12th EDITION

### INTERNATIONAL CONTEMPORARY ART COMPETITION

The François Schneider Foundation is pleased to announce the pre-selection of the 33 finalists of the 12<sup>th</sup> edition of the Contemporary Talents competition (list on next page).

In order to nominate the winners of the 12<sup>th</sup> edition of the competition, the 433 candidate artists' files received were carefully studied by four committees of experts in January and February 2023.

The 33 pre-selected projects or works will be compiled in a 500-copy brochure to be published in April 2023.

The next step will take place in May 2023, with the final selection of the winners by the grand jury. The Grand Jury will be composed of renowned personalities in the fields of art and culture (Jean-Noël Jeanneney, Rosa Maria Malet, Constance de Monbrison, Alfred Pacquement, Chiara Parisi, Ernest Pignon-Ernest, Roland Wetzel).

The winners will each receive the sum of  $\le 15,000$  (including tax) for the acquisition of their work and as a prize of merit. An additional  $\le 80,000$  can be dedicated to the realization of the works presented in the form of projects (sculpture or installation) as production aid.

With the Contemporary Talents competition, the François Schneider Foundation aims to discover, support and reveal new talents and to promote contemporary creation on the theme of water. The Foundation supports these artists by acquiring their works, exhibiting them in the Foundation's art center, publishing a bilingual catalog, a video portrait, as well as touring and lending works.

# THE FINALISTS

**Cécile Bicler** (France) *Face off*, drawing, 180 ×594 cm, 2022

Ulysse Bordarias (France) II pleuvait sur l'agora, drawing, 200 x 310 cm, 2022

Julien Bourgain (France) Longer l'Argens s'ancrer sur la rive, video, 18,51 min, 2022

**Katrin Brand** (Germany) Feasting numen - gozando, installation, 200 × 185 × 205 cm, 2023 (project)

Caroline Burraway (Great Britain) Precarious, video installation, 9,46 min, 2021

Charles Cadic (France) Cénotaphe, video, 4,19 min, 2021

Julien Caidos (France) Eaux noires, photography, 120 x 500 x 4 cm, 2022

Damien Cattinari (France) Trois rives, video, 42 min, 2022

Kang Cheonga (South Korea - Republic of Korea) XX. XXX XXXX, video, 4,51 min, 2022

Katharine Dowson, (Great Britain) River of life, sculpture, 8 to 11 cm high / variable dimensions, 2019

François Dufeil (France) Si mer la lune, sculpture, 170 x 50 x 50 cm & 100 x 50 x 55 cm, 2022

François Génot (France) La teinte du lac, sculpture, 2 to 5 cm in diameter / variable dimensions, 2013 - 2022

Fabienne Gillmann (France) Papier peint pour chambre d'enfant, drawing, 173 cm x 229 cm, 2022

**Bilal Hamdad** (Algeria - France) Sans titre, painting, 160 × 200 × 4,5 cm, 2022

Yael Harnik (Israel) Split, textile, 88 x 618 cm, 2021

**Jean-Marc Hierholzer** (France) *Marée basse*, photography, 30 × 30 x 0,01 cm, 2017

Anna Holveck (France) La sonde, video, 11,30 min, 2020

Petra Keinhorst (Germany - Switzerland) Fragile, sculpture, variable dimensions, 2022

**Yvonne Kendall** (Australia - Germany) *Deluge*, installation, 250 × 350 × 350 cm, 2022

**Manon Lanjouère** (France) *Les Particules, le conte humain d'une eau qui meurt*, photographies, 6 x (20 x 20 cm), 2022

Joanie Lemercier (France - Belgium) Brume, installation, min 3 x 3 x 3 m / max 10 x 10 x 10 m, 2017

Aurélien Mauplot (France) Les Possessions, installation, 200 x 450 cm, 2014

Keita Mori (Japan - France) Navette, sculpture, 56 x 300 x 29 cm, 2023 (projet)

**Anne Nissen** (Germany) *Fluid*, video, 17 min, 2020

Federica Peyrolo (Italy) Basta così, video, 10,44 min, 2018

**Noémie Pilo** (France) Sans titre (estampe), sculpture, 15 x 25 x 10 cm, 2022

**Ugo Schiavi** (France) *Leviathan*, sculpture, 290 x 65 x 65 cm, 2022

**Noemi Sjöberg** (Sweden - Spain) *One euro to jump now (Un euro pour sauter maintenant)*, mixed technique wood/video, 4 min, 2021

Miles Sjoegren (Germany) Sightline, photography,  $105 \times 180 \times 6$  cm, 2022

Simon Van Parys (Belgium) Sous marin (working title), sculpture, 400 x 400 x 600 cm, 2023 (project)

**Dune Varela** (France) *Inferno*, video, 10,50 min, 2022

**Sylvain Wavrant** (France) Les pétrifiés, installation, 90 x 400 x 400 cm, 2022

**Sven Windszus** (Germany) *Lebensraum / Living Space*, interactive video installation, 123 x 70.5 x 13 cm, 2020

# THE EXPERT COMMITTEES

**Yves Chaudouët**, Visual artist, playwright and filmmaker – Paris (France)

**Dimitri Konstantinidis**, Founder and director of Apollonia – Strasbourg (France)

**Claire Luna**, Independent Commissioner – Paris (France)

**Claire Malrieux**, Artist – Strasbourg (France)

**Hélène Mugot**, Artist – Gentilly (France)

**Philippe Schweyer**, Founder of Médiapop, publisher & music label and editor-in-chief of Novo magazine – Mulhouse (France)

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# THE GRAND JURY

**Jean-Noël Jeanneney**, former President of "Radio France", former Secretary of State and former President of the "Bibliothèque Nationale de France" – Paris (France)

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**Alfred Pacquement**, Honorary Director of the Musée National d'art moderne, Centre Pompidou – Paris (France)

**Chiara Parisi**, Director of the Centre Pompidou – Metz (France)

**Ernest Pignon-Ernest**, Artist – Paris (France)

**Roland Wetzel**, Director of the Museum Tinguely – Basel (Switzerland)

