

Closure of JUSTLX - Lisbon Contemporary Art Fair

The first edition of JustLX - Lisbon Contemporary Art Fair finished on Sunday 20th. A relaxed, young and creative atmosphere characterised the fair, which attracted different audiences, leaders of diverse public institutions, personalities from the world of politics, culture and the society of Spain and Portugal, both national and international, who were surprised by the unusual location in the Museo de Carris, seen for the first time by the majority of visitors.

Catarina Vaz Pinto, councillor for Culture on the Lisbon Council, opened the exhibition on Thursday 17th May.

The Fundação Millennium bcp 1st Prize for Emerging Art was awarded to "Mala hierba", by the artist Estefanía Martín Sáenz, presented by the Gema Llamazares gallery. Moreover, the jury selected as finalists the works "Esponja / Mil Folhas" by Sofia Macate, at the Monumental gallery (Lisbon); and the series "S / T" by Miguel Marina, at the Nordés gallery (Santiago de Compostela).

The award was presented by Dr. Fernando Nogueira, President of Fundação Millenium bcp, and Dr. Miguel Honrado, Secretary of State for Culture, who acknowledged the value of the commitment to young art and its training for the future heritage of everyone.

António Costa, the Prime Minister of Portugal y Fernando Medina, Mayor of Lisbon, both praised the initiative during their visit to the fair.

The first edition of JustLX – Lisbon Fair of Contemporary Art has had an unexpected welcome, surpassing all the expectations of the ArtFairs organisation.

Various personalities attended the fair and praised the initiative: António Cachola, Pedro Lapa, Armando Martins, Miguel Sousa Tavares, Fernando Alvim, Cruzeiro Seixas, Francisco Pinto Balsemão, João Silvério, Leonor Nazaré, Alexandre Pomar, Adelaide Ginga, Pedro Faro, Sara Matos, António Prates, Helena Barrada, João Raimundo, David Barro, Sandro Resende, José Maças de Carvalho, Pedro Calapez, Christian Fulda, Fernando Ribeiro, António Olaio, Ana e Jorge Gaspar, Nuno Cadima, José Guirao, Pilar del Rio, Javier Rioyo, Anabel Suero, Efraín Zanetti, Victoria Aranda and Gabriel Planas, among others.

The directors of the project JustLX are the Portuguese Lourenço Egreja, and the Spanish Semíramis González and Daniel Silvo, who have made a commitment to the most contemporary art, of great artistic and curatorial quality.

During the days of the fair the visitors were able to enjoy the Portuguese and Spanish gastronomy of the food trucks installed in the fair, as well as the best music until midnight.

The organisation of JustLX, has already started planning the second edition of the fair in Lisbon in 2019.