

Bredin Prat creates its Contemporary Art Non-Profit Fund

Paris, May 31st, 2017 | Bredin Prat is pleased to announce the creation of its Contemporary Art Non-Profit Fund. This cultural Fund aims to support and promote contemporary artistic creation, notably by establishing a new contemporary art collection (paintings and photographic works) and through the Jean-François Prat Prize which is awarded each year to a French or foreign artist.

This Non-Profit Fund is an expression of the long relationship that the law firm Bredin Prat has entertained with contemporary art since 1966 at the initiative of Jean-François Prat who wanted his partners, colleagues and clients to be able to have the chance of being in contact with works of art in their daily professional lives.

A link between past, present and future, through this new dynamic launched by the Partners of Bredin Prat, this Non-Profit Fund will enable the public to have free access online and at its premises on Quai d'Orsay in Paris (formerly the premises of the initially French State-owned tobacco company Seita) to this collection and to the annual exhibitions of the shortlisted artists of the Jean-François Prat Prize.

The Fund's first event will take place on Tuesday 27 June 2017 with the sixth edition of the Jean-François Prat Art Prize, chaired this year by Florence Derieux, "Curator-at-Large" at the Centre Pompidou. The Prize will be presented to one of the three shortlisted artists (Jonathan Gardner, Li Qing and Avery Singer). This event will bring together guests from the art world, the press and the business world. The Fund will start to form its collection this year.

Structured to carry out its own actions, the Bredin Prat non-profit Fund for contemporary art includes an artistic advisory board whose members comprise Marie-Aline Prat, art historian and art collector, Blake Byrne, life trustee of the Los Angeles Museum of Contemporary Art (MOCA) and President of the Skylark Foundation, and Henry-Claude Cousseau, former director of the Paris École des Beaux-Arts.

"In line with our firm's culture and our values characterised by innovation and creativity, we wanted to establish our commitment to supporting contemporary art creation on a long-lasting basis through this endowment fund, which serves a general public interest and is dedicated to cultural sponsorship" explains Didier Martin, Chairman of the Bredin Prat Non-Profit Fund's Board of Directors.

Frédéric Brière, executive director of contemporary art of the Fund, adds *"Our mission is the one of an active cultural institution: to help as wide a public as possible to love, consider and understand how much contemporary art created in France and internationally contributes to enrich our lives"*.

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