

Who are the 10 finalists of the 2015 Byblos Bank Award for Photography?

Byblos Bank Headquarters, Wednesday, 3 September 2015: Byblos Bank has announced the names of the ten finalists of the 2015 Byblos Bank Award for Photography, one of Lebanon's most prestigious awards dedicated to emerging Lebanese photographers.

This year 90 candidates applied online on www.bba2015.com by submitting 7 photographs each for a chance to win the fourth edition of the Award. The BEIRUT ART FAIR and the president of the jury Dimitri Beck, Editor-in-Chief of Polka magazine, selected the ten finalists: Charles Assaf, Yara Bsaibes, Tarek Haddad, Lina Hassoun, Lara Karam, Elsn Lahoud, Lama Mattar Bardawil, Mahmoud Merjan, Nasri Sayegh and Carmen Yahchouchy. All finalists will be exhibiting at the BEIRUT ART FAIR (17-20 September) to gain experience and exposure.

The winner of the 2015 Byblos Bank Award for Photography will be announced on the last day of the BEIRUT ART FAIR. He will be chosen by a jury composed of renowned experts in photography, including Artistic Director Thierry Van Biesen, co-founder of KA collection Abraham Karabajakian, renowned photographer Roger Moukarzel and gallerist Vanessa Quang, in addition to Dimitri Beck.

As in previous years, the winner will receive a special package of professional advice and support. This includes expert mentoring for her or his first solo exhibition, hosting of the event at Byblos Bank Headquarters, and promotion through both a personal catalog and a dedicated media campaign.

Organized in partnership with the BEIRUT ART FAIR, the Byblos Bank Award for Photography was initiated in 2012 as part of a fully fledged photography program. The latter was strategically put into practice to support photography as a stand alone art form in Lebanon.

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