

# THE FRIENDS OF THE 'ARAB WORLD INSTITUTE' AWARD FOR ARAB CONTEMPORARY CREATION

The 'Friends of the Arab World Institute (AWI) Award for Arab contemporary creation' highlights emerging visual artists from the Arab World.

- The Price supports the production of an artwork (€ 5000 grant)
- The winner participates to an exhibition into the Arab World Institute
- The awarded artwork enters the AWI museum collections

The Third edition of the "Friends of the Arab World Institute Award for Arab contemporary creation" will be organized as part of "The Saga of the Suez Canal Saga, From the time of the Pharaoh to the twenty-first century" collective exhibition, which will be inaugurated in March 2018 at the AWI.

## Participation conditions

The theme of 2017 SAIMA Award is: **Suez Canal**

Call for artists is open to candidates who fulfil the following conditions:

- Nationality : Algeria, Saudi Arabia, Bahrain, the Comoros, Djibouti, Egypt, the United Arab Emirates, Iraq, Jordan, Kuwait, Lebanon, Libya, Morocco, Mauritania, Oman, Palestine, Qatar, Somalia, Sudan, Syria, Tunisia, or Yemen
- Artists inclusive 40 years
- Presenting alone or as a collective
- The artist has never done a solo exhibition in any renowned cultural Institution worldwide (other than art gallery or school of art).

Submission deadline: September, 15<sup>th</sup>, 2017. The laureate will be rewarded by a panel of professionals on October, the 3<sup>rd</sup> 2017.

## Previous Editions

After the First Edition rewarded the Moroccan artist Sliman Ismaili Alaoui, the 2d Edition honoured the Algerian photograph Fethi Sahraoui. Since, he received the Cap Prize during 2017 Art Basel. He will participate in September 2017, at The Photography Biennale of the contemporary Arab world, at Cité Internationale des Arts (Paris).

## The Friends of AWI

The Friends of the AWI (les Amis de l'IMA) is a non-profit association, created in to support the mission of the Arab World Institute (AWI). Working alongside the Arab World Institute, the Friends of the AWI helps promote awareness and understanding of Arab culture in all its diversity.

Infos & Call for artist :

**The Society of the Friends of the AWI**

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