

C/O BERLIN TALENT AWARD 2021

CALL FOR ENTRIES

C/O Berlin Talent Award 2023—Theorist

THE TALENT PROGRAM

Since 2006, C/O Berlin Foundation has been promoting young artists and theorists. More than 80 talents have been presented to a wider audience through exhibitions and publications, including the artists Karolina Wojtas, Anna Ehrenstein, Stefanie Moshammer, and Tobias Zielony as well as the photo theorists Emmanuel Iduma, Florian Ebner, Katja Müller-Helle, and Steffen Siegel.

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The C/O Berlin Talent Award is the only prize of its kind in Europe. It recognizes outstanding work in both photographic practice and theory. It is awarded annually in the disciplines of artistic photography (*Artist*) and photo-theoretical writing (*Theorist*) and is endowed with prize money of totally €10,000 (to be shared between both positions). C/O Berlin produces a solo exhibition with the award-winning artist and a publication with Spector Books to accompany it. The task of the theorist is to write an essay on the selected artwork and to conduct an interview with the artist, both of which will appear in the book. Since 2020, the C/O Berlin Talent Award is made possible by the Alexander Tütsek-Stiftung.

THE THEME

The C/O Berlin Talent Award's central theme is *New Documentary Strategies*. The aim is to support and encourage a critical approach to traditional documentary narratives and a more diverse use of different media in museums and galleries. To what extent does photography still function as a means of documentation? How has our trust in the medium changed through the use of „networked images“? What new narrative strategies are being developed to understand and remember the events taking place in the world around us? The winning project of the C/O Berlin Talent Award 2023 in the Artist category can be located in the field of artistic research and visual archives and deals with the themes of anthropology and sociality as well as the relationship between human and nature.

THE SELECTION PROCESS

The winners of the C/O Berlin Talent Award will be selected by two juries of experts acting independently of each other: While artists are nominated for the competition (the selection process has already been completed), photo theorists up to 35 years can apply for this Open Call with two already published text samples. C/O Berlin will select a winner from the submissions in collaboration with experts from the field of photo-theoretical and photo-historical journalism.

Please submit your texts dealing with current photography in a broader context and thematically related to the winning project in German or English until April 28, 2023 via the online form.