

## **De Scheffer 2022 Art Prize Open Call**

**The De Scheffer art prize is awarded to young, talented artists in the Netherlands who actively engage with a form of painting in their work. The prize consists of a purchase of a work and an exhibition in the Dordrechts Museum. The prize is made possible by the Schefferfonds (Scheffer Fund), which was established thanks to bequests from the painter Ary Scheffer (Dordrecht 1795 – Argenteuil 1858) and his family. It was Ary Scheffer's wish that this prize should promote young artists and innovation in painting. The Vereniging Dordrechts Museum (Dordrechts Museum Association or 'VDM') together with the Dordrechts Museum, continues to carry out this wish. Previous winners are Susanna Inglada (2019), Raquel van Haver (2017) and Joost Krijnen (2015).**

**A jury will select three nominations to be considered for the prize from the submissions. An exhibition will then be organised with the three nominees. The winner will be announced during the opening of the exhibition.**

### **Requirements**

De Scheffer is awarded to young artists who engage in painting in the broadest sense of the word and/or with various media of which painting is an essential part. Artists must also meet the following criteria:

- You are no older than 35 years on the registration date (8 June 2021)
- You are demonstrably working as a professional visual artist, as expressed in an active CV
- You are not, or no longer, a student engaged in a bachelor's, master's or postgraduate degree programme
- You are active in the Dutch art sector
- You create promising work of high quality, expressed in originality, expressiveness and craftsmanship
- You are able to express your (conceptual) starting points in a convincing and appropriate way; in form and material, as well as technique
- Artists who have previously registered for the prize may re-submit; this also applies to artists who have previously been nominated. Previous winners are excluded from participation.

### **Registration: You can register from 8 June 2021!**

Artists can register for De Scheffer 2022 until 20 September 2021 via the submission form which can be uploaded to the VDM website (<https://verenigingdordrechtsmuseum.nl/de-scheffer>). Before you register, please ensure that you meet the requirements.

If you have any questions, please contact us by e-mail:

[descheffer@verenigingdordrechtsmuseum.nl](mailto:descheffer@verenigingdordrechtsmuseum.nl). To be eligible for the prize, you need to submit the following information via the web form:

- Documentation/portfolio of your work in PDF format with good images, accompanied by details such as title, year, dimensions, technique and materials. Additional information about the submitted work can optionally be included in the form of short accompanying texts (max. 250 words per work) .

File name: Last name.First name\_Portofolio

- a maximum of 10 high resolution images (minimum 1 MB per image, file format Jpeg, Tiff).

File name: Last name.First name\_title(year)\_material(dimensions LxW in cm)

- an up-to-date curriculum vitae in PDF format, including contact details, training and exhibitions, commissions and any other relevant information

File name: Surname.First name\_CV

- An artist statement, max. 500 words

Filename: Lastname.Firstname\_ArtitstStatement

- Optional: a plan for the work you would like to exhibit/develop if you are nominated  
Filename: Lastname.Firstname\_PlanExhibition

### **Selection procedure**

- A jury will select three nominees based on the above criteria and requirements, and an exhibition will be organised with these three nominees. The winner will be announced at the opening of the exhibition.

- The jury consists of:

- The curator of modern and contemporary art at the Dordrechts Museum, an external jury member for modern and contemporary art, a visual artist and the winner of the last De Scheffer (2019: Susanna Inglada).
- The chairperson of the jury (without a substantive vote) is Neeltje Mooij, VDM board member

- The three nominees will be announced in the autumn of 2021

### **Presentation**

The winner will be announced during the exhibition. The announcement of the work to be purchased will follow during the course of the exhibition.