



## **Credit Suisse and Cosmoscw Continue New Young Artists' Prize**

**Moscow, 7 August, 2017** – Credit Suisse, one of the world's leading financial services providers, and Cosmoscw, Russia's only international contemporary art fair, announce they will offer a Credit Suisse Cosmoscw Prize for Young Artists for the second year running at the event in September.

Credit Suisse's sponsorship of Cosmoscw started in 2015 and, in 2016, the Credit Suisse Cosmoscw Prize for Young Artists was established for the first time. The Prize aims to support emerging artists in Russia and abroad and provide a platform for young Russian artists to develop their careers.

Selected by an expert jury, the winner of the award will be announced on Sept. 7 during Cosmoscw's fifth annual fair in Moscow's Gostiny Dvor.

Artists with Russian citizenship under the age of 35 working across both visual and multimedia art are eligible for the Prize. The award includes a financial grant of CHF 3,000, mentorship from Credit Suisse and Cosmoscw, and an art trip to Switzerland. The winner will also have the option to take part in an art residency in Berne, Switzerland.

The winning artist will be subject to a two-step judging process. The first involves

being selected for inclusion in the long list of nominees. In the second stage, the Prize Jury, comprised of five international experts, will choose the winner.

**André Rogger**, head of Credit Suisse Art Collection, said: “With this partnership, Credit Suisse continues the bank’s long-standing commitment to nurturing young talent. This philosophy is well-reflected in our other international artist awards, entrepreneur initiatives, and our corporate art collection. We are delighted to again be able to partner with Cosmoscw to contribute to the development of the contemporary art market in Russia.”

**Margarita Pushkina**, founding director of Cosmoscw and art patron said: “We greatly appreciate the partnership between Cosmoscw and Credit Suisse, lasting over three years. We share this confidence in contemporary Russian art and its vast potential. It was this very confidence that has served as a starting point for launch of the Credit Suisse Cosmoscw Prize for Young Artists last year. We very much hope that this philanthropic initiative will go on contributing to the support and development of young talent, while at the same time reviving rich Russian traditions of art patronage.”

In 2016, three Russian artists - Anastasia Bogomolova (Chelyabinsk), Ilya Dolgov (Voronezh) and Anastasia Kuzmina (Moscow) - won the Prize. Based on the 2016 winners’ feedback, the Prize played a significant role in their artistic development enabling them to expand their professional networks, find new sources of inspiration and implement new arts projects.

Credit Suisse’s other sponsorship commitments include: the New York Philharmonic Orchestra, the Shanghai Museum, the Taipei Fine Arts Museum and the Kunsthhaus in Zurich. The bank also sponsors the Young Artist Award at the Lucerne Festival. In Russia, Credit Suisse has been the General Sponsor of the Bolshoi Theatre since 2007.

Credit Suisse also has its own Art Collection comprised of more than 10,000 works, mainly by contemporary Swiss and Switzerland-based artists. Based on its strategy to encourage young talent, the bank starts acquiring works from artists at an early stage in their career. For example, back in 2015 Credit Suisse purchased artwork created by Svetlana Shuvaeva.

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### **Notes to Editors:**

**Members of the international Experts Panel in 2017 include:**

- Sergey Khachaturov, Russian art critic, theorist, art historian, candidate of art history, associate professor of the History of Russian Art Department at Moscow State University named after M.V. Lomonosov
- Alisa Savitskaya, Curator, National Centre Contemporary Art (NCCA), Nizhny Novgorod
- Alisa Bogdanaite, Art Curator and Director at Zarya Contemporary art center and Residency in Vladivostok
- Boris Klyushnikov, young art curator and critic

**Members of the Jury in 2017 include:**

- André Rogger, Head of Credit Suisse corporate collection
- Iara Bubnova, International art critic and curator
- Nikolas Liucci-Goutnikov, Curator at the Pompidou Centre
- Katerina Chuchalina, Curator and Program Director at V-A-C Foundation
- Simon Mraz, Director of the Austrian Cultural Forum in Moscow

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**Cosmoscow**

Cosmoscow International Contemporary Art Fair, aimed at bringing together both Russian and international collectors, galleries and artists, was launched by Russian collector and philanthropist Margarita Pushkina in 2010. Today Cosmoscow is Russia's only international contemporary art fair. Since 2014 it is an annual September event with its own place in an international art calendar. The latest edition of the fair took place at the Gostiny Dvor on September 9-11, 2016 representing 38 local and international galleries and welcoming nearly 16,000

guests and 2 000 people at the Collectors' Preview. The 5-th anniversary edition will take place in Moscow on 8-10 September, 2017. [www.cosmoscow.com](http://www.cosmoscow.com)