

## Credit Suisse and Cosmoscow To Present 2018 Edition of Young Artist Prize

**Moscow, 19 July 2018** – For the third consecutive year, Credit Suisse, one of the world's leading international wealth managers, and Cosmoscow, Russia's only international contemporary art fair, will grant an award for young artists at the event opening in September, 2018. The Credit Suisse Cosmoscow Prize for Young Artists aims to provide new international opportunities for Russian emerging talent as the winner can travel to Switzerland to explore the country's art scene, in addition to receiving mentorship support and a financial grant. During the fair Credit Suisse will also acquire a work by a Russian artist for the bank's Moscow office.

The expert panel for the Credit Suisse Cosmoscow Prize for Young Artists 2018 includes such renowned art professionals as *Sergey Bratkov*, artist and professor at Rodchenko Art School, *Olga Danilkina*, art writer and editor-in-chief of the online magazine about contemporary art Aroundart.ru, *Ilya Shipolovskih*, Director of the Yeltsin Center art gallery, and *Snejana Krsteva*, curator at the Garage Museum of Contemporary Art. Among the jury are *André Rogger*, head of Credit Suisse Collection, *David Elliott*, curator and writer, *Olga Shishko*, head of the Department of Film and Media Art at the Pushkin State Museum of Fine Arts, *Dmitry Ozerkov*, Director of the Contemporary art department at the State Hermitage Museum, and *Kati Kivinen*, curator at the Museum of Contemporary Art KIASMA Helsinki.

Credit Suisse became a Strategic Partner to Cosmoscow in 2015 as a part of the bank's commitment to supporting contemporary art market development in Russia. In 2016, the cooperation with the fair was extended with the introduction of the Credit Suisse Cosmoscow Prize for Young Artists. The award includes a financial grant of CHF 3,000, mentorship from Credit Suisse and Cosmoscow, and an art trip to Switzerland. The winner can also participate in art residency at the PROGR Art Center in Bern, Switzerland.

Last year's award winner Artem Filatov from Nizhny Novgorod completed his art residency in Bern in June 2018. During his trip to Switzerland he visited several art centers in Zurich, La Chaux-de-Fonds, Locarno and other cities, met with the representatives of the Swiss art community, gave lectures on street art culture in his native Nizhny Novgorod, and started several new projects.

The selection of the winner of the Credit Suisse Cosmoscow Prize for Young Artists is subject to a two-step judging process. At the first stage, members of the expert panel will define the long list of nominees. At the second stage, the Prize Jury, comprised of five art professionals from the worldwide, will choose the winner. Artists with Russian citizenship under the age of 35 working across both visual and multimedia art are eligible for the Prize. The winner of the award will be announced during Cosmoscow's opening at Gostiny Dvor, Moscow.

Getting recognition through art awards can help emerging artists realise their potential and give them ambition to go further in their careers. For example, photographer and curator Anastasia Bogomolova from Chelyabinsk (now based in Ekaterinburg), the Credit Suisse Cosmoscow Prize winner in 2016, was recently awarded a studio residency of 2019 by Swiss Arts Council Pro Helvetia. The grant will help Anastasia learn more about Switzerland's cultural context and find new directions in her personal art practice.

*André Rogger, Head of Credit Suisse Art Collection, said: “Our partnership with Cosmoscow has given me a unique opportunity to learn more about Russia’s vibrant contemporary art scene, which deserves to gain more attention internationally. With the Credit Suisse Cosmoscow Prize for Young Artists and the bank’s acquisitions at the fair, we strive to contribute to making Russian talent more visible and to encourage emerging artists to go further in their careers.”*

*Margarita Pushkina, Founding Director of Cosmoscow International Contemporary Art Fair and Founder of Cosmoscow Foundation for Contemporary Art, said: “I am very pleased with the fact that this year we will award the Credit Suisse Cosmoscow Prize for Young Artists for the third time in a row. We’ve received very positive feedback from last year’s winner Artem Filatov, which proves that the Prize opens international horizons for Russian emerging artists. It is also gratifying to see how the expertise of the Prize grows with each passing year. Members of the Expert Panel and the Jury of the Prize consist of established and internationally acclaimed professionals. This fact also contributes to our mission of promoting young Russian artists within global context.”*

Credit Suisse actively supports cultural initiatives and institutions worldwide. Its other sponsorship commitments include: the New York Philharmonic Orchestra, the Shanghai Museum, the Taipei Fine Arts Museum and the Kunsthhaus in Zurich. 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 acquires works from artists at an early stage in their career. Through its partnership with Cosmoscow, the bank is also starting its art collection in Moscow, which now includes works by Svetlana Shuvaeva, Evgeniy Antufiev, and Artem Filatov.

#### **Notes to Editors:**

Members of the International expert panel in 2018 include:

- Sergey Bratkov, Artist, professor at Rodchenko Art School
- Snejana Krsteva, Curator at the Garage Museum of Contemporary Art
- Olga Danilkina, art writer and editor-in-chief of the online magazine about contemporary art Aroundart.ru
- Ilya Shipolovskih, Director of the Yeltsin Center art gallery

Members of the Jury in 2018 include:

- André Rogger, Head of Credit Suisse Art Collection
- David Elliott, Curator and writer
- Kati Kivinen, Curator at the Museum of Contemporary Art KIASMA Helsinki
- Dmitry Ozerkov, Director of the Contemporary art department at the State Hermitage Museum
- Olga Shishko, Art expert, Head of the Department of Film and Media Art at the Pushkin State Museum of Fine Arts

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### **About Cosmoscow**

Cosmoscow International Contemporary Art Fair was launched by Russian collector and philanthropist Margarita Pushkina in 2010 and aims to bring together both Russian and international collectors, galleries and artists. Cosmoscow is Russia's only international art fair taking place every September with its own spot in an international art calendar. The 5th anniversary edition of the fair took place at the Gostiny Dvor on September 8-10, 2017 representing a record number of 54 Russian and international galleries and welcoming 19,200 guests. Over 2,000 people visited Cosmoscow Collectors' Preview.

The 6th Cosmoscow International Contemporary Art Fair will take place at Moscow's Gostiny Dvor on September 6-9, 2018 supported by Main Partner Qatar Airways, Strategic Partner Credit Suisse, Official Partner Beluga and Official Hotel St. Regis Moscow Nikolskaya. 6 September is a dedicated to press, art professionals, and collectors. Public viewing is from 7 to 9 September.

### **About Credit Suisse**

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