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Bernd Lohaus Foundation wins Flemish Culture Award for Visual Arts 2014

Today, the Flemish Minister for Culture Mr Sven Gatz presented the Flemish Culture Award for Visual Arts 2014 to the Bernd Lohaus Foundation at the M HKA in Antwerp. According to the jury "the foundation succeeds in continuing the artistic vision of an artist and to give it a second life. The foundation is an example of how it is possible to deal with art and artistic heritage today." At this very moment, the exhibition 'Fremdkörper: works from the studio of Bernd Bernd Lohaus' is shown at the M HKA.

The Bernd Lohaus Foundation took the responsibility of preserving the artistic heritage of the artist Bernd Lohaus. It distinguishes itself through the manner in which it goes to great lengths to further develop the vision of the artist and to translate it into new artistic projects. The artist already paid attention to his own practice and to that of other artists. The foundation organises exhibitions and symposia and also awards its own prize. In all of its projects it focuses on artists and art mediators, and it organises the framework and the environment that help bring about art. Bernd Lohaus and Anny De Decker already set the tone with the Wide White Space Gallery, which has co-defined and enriched the Flemish and international art climate, among other things by bringing the work of Joseph Beuys to Antwerp.

The foundation is surprised and happy to receive the Flemish Culture Award. "It is a token of appreciation for the work of the past years, both with regard to the conservation and visibility of the works of Bernd Lohaus and with regard to encouraging and supporting other artists."

The Flemish Minister for Culture Mr Sven Gatz: "Love for art and for others... The Bernd Lohaus Foundation spreads that message with plenty of brio and holds the heritage of artist Bernd Lohaus in esteem. It is a role model as a platform where artists and established values meet."

Flemish Culture Awards 2014

On the proposal of a jury of experts the Flemish Minister for Culture pays tribute to individuals or an organisation that, in the course of the past year, made a notable contribution to cultural life in Flanders. The Flemish Culture Awards create public awareness of the laureate at a major event in the sector, which generates attention and appreciation for both the sector and the

winner. A cash prize of 12,500 EUR is connected to the Culture Award. The Government of Flanders sets aside 20,000 EUR for the Flemish Community Award for General Cultural Achievement. Each laureate receives the bronze statuette 'La ultima isla' by Philip Aguirre.

More information is available at: www.cultuurprijzen.be