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## **MEIJBURG & CO AND UNSEEN ANNOUNCE THE 5 NOMINEES FOR THE MEIJBURG ART COMMISSION**

**The successful collaboration continues...**

Meijburg & Co and Unseen are proud to announce the nominees for the second edition of the Meijburg Art Commission. This prestigious prize, initiated by tax advisory firm Meijburg & Co, is part of Unseen Photo Fair 2016, which takes place between 23-25 September in the Westergas area in Amsterdam. The Meijburg Art Commission aims to discover talented artists whose multimedia work focuses on photography. The commission supports emerging artists in their career and offers them the opportunity to excel in their chosen discipline.

As **Wilbert Kannekens**, Chairman of the Managing Board of [Meijburg & Co](#), explains: *"We are excited to continue the Art Commission in 2016. Last year's edition was a perfect introduction to the world of Unseen Photo Fair & Festival for us and for our guests. We still believe that Unseen embodies the pursuit of innovation, an emphasis on high quality and social commitment."*

**Rixt Hulshoff Pol**, Director of [Unseen](#) says about the collaboration: *"Thanks to the commission, we offer artists a special new place to present their artwork and further develop themselves. For many clients and employees who visit the office in Amstelveen, we offer a great encounter with this artwork on a daily basis. In this way, we invite them to have a closer look at the world of contemporary photography."*

All photographers exhibiting at Unseen Photo Fair 2016 have been invited to compete for the Meijburg Art Commission. The artists were asked to submit a proposal for a unique, site-specific work of art with photography as a central focus. After the closing of the submission period, which ran from 30 May to 24 June, a pre-selection was made by Unseen and Meijburg & Co.

### **Nominees**

The five [nominees](#) for the Meijburg Art Commission 2016 are: **Awoiska van der Molen** (1972, NL); **Elsbeth Diederix** (1971, NL); **Mandy Barker** (1964, UK); **Motohiro Takeda** (1982, JP); and **Yoko Ikeda** (1965, JP).

### **International jury chooses winner**

An international jury consisting of **Wilbert Kannekens** (Chairman Managing Board, Meijburg & Co), **Genevieve Fussel** (Senior Photo Editor, *The New Yorker*) and Unseen's 2016 campaign artists **Christto & Andrew**, will choose the winning artist. During an exclusive client event on 23 September at Unseen Photo Fair, the winner of the Meijburg Art Commission 2016 will be announced.

### **Winner creates site specific work**

The winner of the Meijburg Art Commission will receive a production fund that can be used for the creation of a site-specific work to be displayed at the offices of Meijburg & Co, Tax Lawyers, in Amstelveen. The work will be subsequently added to the art collection of Meijburg & Co.

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### **Editor's note**

The winner of the Meijburg Art Commission 2015 was Dutch photographer Anouk Kruithof (b.1981), who lives and works in New York, Amsterdam and Mexico-City. Kruithof explores and questions the philosophy and physicality of photography. Her multi-layered, interdisciplinary approach takes the form of photographs, sculptures, artist-books, installations, text, printed take away ephemera, video and performance. The artwork that she created for Meijburg & Co has recently been added to the Meijburg & Co art collection.

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**UNSEEN PHOTO FESTIVAL 16 – 25 SEPTEMBER**  
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