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## Winners of the fifth Berlin Art Prize have been announced

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The fifth Berlin Art Prize goes to Monika Grabuschnigg, Doireann O'Malley and Alanna Lynch. Honorable mention was Ana Alenso. This was announced by the organizers during the night on Instagram

The award will be presented for the fifth time this year, and the exhibition with the work of the nominees was shown from September 1st to 28th in the project space The Shelf in Kreuzberg.

**Monika Grabuschnigg** studied at the Academy of Fine Arts in Vienna and deals with questions of love and desire in her large-format clay sculptures. **Doireann O'Malley** works with film and poetry. **Alanna Lynch** studied in Montreal and Gothenburg. In her artistic research she deals with living things and biological materials.

The artists and the organizers of the award published a statement on Instagram criticizing the city's development: "The consequences of a city development past the needs of the residents hit us all." The exhibition took place in the former premises of car rental company Robben & Wientjes, which will be demolished afterwards. The organizers criticize this form of temporary use, which is not very sustainable. Instead, there is a lack of independent spaces for art in Berlin.

The Berlin Art Prize is an independent award with an open tender that has been awarded annually since 2013. The jury included the curator Pauline Doutreluingne, the critic and curator Övül Ö. Durmuşoğlu, the theoretician and critic Philipp Ekardt, the artist and musician Michaela Melián and the artist Johannes Paul Raether. The trophy is created each year by Berlin artists - [this year by Zuzanna Czebatul](#) .