

**Second edition of the Jean-François Prat contemporary art prize  
Three artists shortlisted  
Winning artist to be announced on 25 March 2013**

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To celebrate the memory of Jean-François Prat, who died on 26 March 2011, and who was a contemporary art enthusiast, the partners of the law firm Bredin Prat, which he co-founded, decided to pay tribute to his name by creating a new contemporary art prize last year.

This second edition of the Jean-François Prat Prize is chaired by Jennifer Flay, Artistic Director of the Foire internationale d'art contemporain (Fiac), the contemporary art fair held in Paris each year, and who will present the Prize on Monday 25 March 2013 in Paris in the presence of the artists, following the vote by the Firm's partners.

The Prize consists of an award of €20,000 for the winner and €2,000 for each of the other two shortlisted artists, in addition to the publication of a catalogue on their respective work and a two-month exhibition in the offices of Bredin Prat in Paris.

The artistic committee, made up of prominent figures from the art world, comprises Marie-Aline Prat, art historian and author of several books on art, Juliette Laffon, senior curator emerita in modern and contemporary art, Hervé Acker, art collector and Frédéric Brière, art collector and author of "*Le Guide de l'Artiste*", a handbook for artists.

For this second edition of the Jean-François Prat Prize, the three artists shortlisted by the committee are:

**Guillaume BRESSON**

Born in 1982, lives and works in Paris, graduated from the Ecole Nationale Supérieure des Beaux-Arts de Paris (ENSBA)

Represented by Galerie Nathalie OBADIA in Paris and Brussels

Presented by: Léa Bismuth, art critic, independent curator and lecturer.

**Mathieu CHERKIT**

Born in 1982 in Paris, lives and works in Saint-Cloud near Paris, graduated from the École Supérieure des Beaux-Arts de Nantes Métropole and the Academy of Visual Arts Leipzig.

Represented by Galerie Jean BROLLY (Paris)

Presented by: Anaël Pigeat, art critic and editor of the magazine *art press*.

**Matt SAUNDERS**

Born in 1975 in Tacoma in the State of Washington, lives and works in Cambridge (United States) and Berlin, graduated from the Yale University School of Art (MFA).

Represented by Marian GOODMAN Gallery (New York and Paris)

Presented by: Paul GALVEZ, American art historian and art critic.

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