



PRESS RELEASE

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The Haus des Papiers PAPER ART AWARD: Starting in 2027 at Art Düsseldorf

After six years at paper positions Berlin, the Paper Art Award presented by the Haus des Papiers museum is entering a new phase of development. Starting in 2027, the art prize will be awarded as part of Art Düsseldorf—with a broader definition of materials, an international perspective, and a stronger focus on sculptural and experimental contemporary art.

Berlin, August 2026 – What began as an idea for the Haus des Papiers museum in 2021, in the midst of the COVID-19 pandemic, has evolved over the course of six award ceremonies into an internationally recognized prize for contemporary paper art. Now, the **Paper Art Award** is taking the next step: Starting in 2027, the prize will be presented for the first time as part of **Art Düsseldorf**.

It's not just the location that's changing. **The award and the criteria for selecting the winner are also evolving.**

In the future, the jury will focus even more strongly on paper as a material in its own right, on sculptural and multidimensional approaches, and on artistic experiments with cellulose, natural fibers, and other fiber-based materials. Works at the intersection of art, materials research, and new material developments will also receive greater attention.

Six Years of paper positions Berlin – Thank You!

Since its inaugural ceremony in 2021, **paper positions Berlin** has provided the Paper Art Award with a prominent platform and a relevant context. Here, the award has been able to grow, find its audience, and—together with galleries, artists, and partners—demonstrate the artistic potential inherent in paper as a medium.

2026: The Haus des Papiers Museum would like to thank **Kristian Jarmuschek, Heinrich Carstens, and the team at paper positions Berlin** for six years of collaboration, trust, creativity, and enthusiasm for paper art. We would also like to thank all the galleries, artists, jury members, donors, partners, and visitors who have supported the award and helped build it up.

2027: Welcome to Düsseldorf

Art Düsseldorf marks the beginning of the next phase of development. The fair brings together international galleries, collectors, and institutions in one of Europe's most significant art regions, opening up new opportunities for the Paper Art Award in terms of public engagement, networking, and international connections.

In doing so, the jury considers **the entire fair**. What matters is not “paper” as a category, but rather what artists are creating and making possible today using this material.

The Haus des Papiers museum in Berlin remains the permanent home of the award. Works by the winning artists will be acquired for the museum’s collection and presented to the public in the new exhibition beginning **June 11, 2027**. The award combines recognition, collection, and long-term visibility in a museum setting.

Moving Forward Together

From the very beginning, **Hahnemühle FineArt, Canon Germany, and d’mage** have supported the development of the Paper Art Award with their expertise, materials, technology, and financial backing. Together, they have created more than just an art prize: a growing network centered on paper art, artistic production, residencies, collections, outreach, and material development.

The next chapter begins in 2027. We look forward to Düsseldorf—to new encounters, new artistic perspectives, and to continuing to explore together the possibilities of paper.

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Art Düsseldorf 2027

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Date: To be added after official announcement

About the Paper Art Award

Since 2021, the Paper Art Award has honored outstanding works of material-based contemporary art. The focus is on sculptural, multidimensional, and experimental works in which paper is used as a material in its own right or as an essential component of artistic expression. Increasingly, the award also recognizes artistic explorations of cellulose, natural fibers, and fiber-based materials. Works by the award-winning artists are acquired for the collection of the Haus des Papiers museum.

About the Haus des Papiers

The **Haus des Papiers** in Berlin is a museum of contemporary paper art. It focuses on paper as an artistic medium in its own right and combines exhibitions and its collection with artist-in-residence programs, educational initiatives, materials research, and dialogue between art, craft, science, and industry.

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