

Press Release

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The Maria Lassnig Prize will be awarded to Lubaina Himid on September 23, 2024, in a ceremonial event at the Albertina in Vienna. In collaboration with renowned exhibition venues, the foundation awards this prize biennially. At the beginning of 2025, Himid's works will be displayed at the UCCA Center for Contemporary Art in Beijing. The artist Lubaina Himid, UCCA Director Philip Tinari, keynote speaker Clémentine Deliss, and Maria Lassnig Foundation Chairman Peter Pakesch will be present.

As announced last year, the renowned Maria Lassnig Prize, endowed with 50,000 euros, will be awarded to the British artist Lubaina Himid.

We cordially invite you to attend the award ceremony on Monday, September 23, 2024, at 11:00 AM in the Festsaal of the Albertina in Vienna. Curator Clémentine Deliss will deliver the laudatory speech.

In addition to the prize money, the honor also includes a solo exhibition at a prestigious art institution. Lubaina Himid's work will be showcased at the UCCA Center for Contemporary Art in Beijing in 2025.

In previous years, the Maria Lassnig Prize has recognized outstanding figures, including Cathy Wilkes (2017, MoMA PS1, New York), Sheela Gowda (2019, Lenbachhaus, Munich), and Atta Kwami (2021, Serpentine Galleries, London).

The prize was conceived by Maria Lassnig, who herself gained broad international recognition later in life. This award aims to bring the work of fellow artists to a wider audience.

"The ongoing partnerships with internationally renowned institutions, which typically help artists gain early recognition, contribute significantly to the global impact of the prize. Therefore, we are very proud that the exceptional artist Lubaina Himid will realize a project at UCCA Beijing. This marks the artist's first major presence in Asia. We eagerly anticipate the outcome of this extraordinary collaboration," said Peter Pakesch, Chairman of the Maria Lassnig Foundation.