

Elfriede Mejchar Award for Photography

Submission Criteria

Applications are open to photographers who are Austrian citizens or have been permanently resident in Austria for a minimum of three years (proof: registration form “Meldezettel”) and who – in the spirit of Elfriede Mejchar's work – are concerned with the media-specific essence of photography. Members of the community of heirs, their relatives as well as members of the jury are excluded from the application.

Jury

A jury of four will select the winner from the submissions received. The jury members are Renate Bertlmann (artist), Ruth Horak (author, curator and lecturer on contemporary art and photography), Alexandra Schantl (head of the Collection Art after 1960 of the State Collections of Lower Austria) and Fritz Simak (representative of the community of heirs, art historian and photographer). The prize will be awarded without recourse to legal action. Applicants will be informed in writing of the jury decision by the end of February 2024 at the latest.

Submission deadline

Submissions (in German or English) can be sent from Oct 1st 2023, 0:00 (CEST) to Oct 25th 2023 23:59 (CEST) to: einreichung@elfriede-mejchar-fotopreis.at. Please note that only digital submissions are possible.

Submission documents

All submission documents must be submitted in a single PDF document of max. 10 MB with the title: SurnameFirstname_Elfriede-Mejchar-Prize2024,

including:

- Biography, including all personal data (date of birth, address, telephone number, website) (maximum length one A4 page),
- registration form (“Meldezettel”),
- Statement or short text on the series of works (maximum length one A4 page),
- Up to 20 works, including work details: title/series, year, size, technique

Copyrights

Each applicant must be the author of the submitted works according to § 10 (1) or, in the case of groups, a co-author of the submitted works according to § 11 (1) of the Copyright Act.

Award ceremony / Prize

The Elfriede Mejchar Award for Photography will be awarded for the first time on the occasion of Elfriede Mejchar's 100th birthday in 2024 as part of the commemorative exhibition that the Province of Lower Austria will hold at the State Gallery of Lower Austria in Krems. By accepting the award, the winner undertakes to attend the award ceremony. The exact date will be announced with the notification of the result.

The prize money of 7,000 euros will be transferred to the specified bank account the day before the award ceremony.

Exhibition

FLUSS – society for the promotion of photo and media art – with the support of the Province of Lower Austria, will be responsible for the implementation of the award (call for entries, jury and award ceremony),

as well as the organisation of an exhibition of works by the award-winner as well as by the shortlisted artists in the Castle of Wolkersdorf in the Weinviertel.

The submitters expressly permit their name and the amount of the prize to be published, and provide portrait and photographs of their work for the promotion of the award ceremony and the exhibition free of charge.

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