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# COMPETITION STARTS FOR WORLD'S LARGEST OPEN ENTRY ART PRIZE

The fourth edition of The Future Generation Art Prize worldwide competition established by the Victor Pinchuk Foundation in Ukraine opens for entries today, **Tuesday 21 June 2016** on [www.futuregenerationartprize.org](http://www.futuregenerationartprize.org)

All artists up to the age of 35 of all backgrounds, working in any medium, anywhere in the world are encouraged to apply. Supporting the application process, more than 600 correspondents all over the world will be nominating artists for the prize and over 50 Partner Platforms worldwide will be ambassadors for the Future Generation Art Prize to encourage artists within their regions to apply.

The main prize will be awarded by an international jury in the amount of US\$ 100,000, split between \$60,000 in cash and \$40,000 investment in the production of a new work. In addition US\$ 20,000 will be awarded to up to five Special Prize winners, nominated by the Jury. A Public Choice winner will be selected through online voting and announced at the Award Ceremony.

Applications will close on 11 September 2016. An exhibition of the work of up to 20 shortlisted artists will be shown in Kiev at the PinchukArtCentre from February 2017 to April 2017. The winner will be announced at an Award Ceremony in Kiev in April 2017. The exhibition will go on show at the Venice Biennale in May 2017, presenting the work of all the shortlisted artists to a broad international public.

The pioneering Future Generation Art Prize established by the Victor Pinchuk Foundation in 2009 is a worldwide contemporary art prize created to discover, recognise and give long-term support to a future generation of artists. Judged by a distinguished jury, The Prize aims to make a major contribution to the careers of younger artists involved in the dynamic cultural development of societies in transition, many of whom have found it difficult to get their voices heard.

65 artists have been showcased in past Future Generation Art Prizes from all continents of the world and over 30 countries, including Angola, Argentina, Austria, Canada, Chechen Republic, Russia, Chile, China, Cuba, France, Germany, Iran, Israel, Italy, Japan, Lebanon, Mexico, Netherlands, Peru, Poland, Portugal, Russia, South Africa, Sweden, Turkey, Ukraine, UK, USA and

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Zimbabwe. Past Main Prize winners have been Cinthia Marcelle, Brazil; Lynette Yiadom-Boakye, UK; Nástio Mosquito, Angola and Carlos Motta, Colombia.

The Future Generation Art Prize Board is founded and chaired by the Ukrainian businessman and philanthropist, Victor Pinchuk, and the Prize is organised by the PinchukArtCentre in Kiev.

For over 12 years Victor Pinchuk has developed philanthropic projects in Ukraine and internationally. In 2006, he consolidated these activities under the Victor Pinchuk Foundation, with the mission to empower future generations to become the change makers of tomorrow. The Foundation focuses on education, healthcare, providing access to the inspiration of contemporary art, and fostering Ukraine's international integration.

The internationally acclaimed PinchukArtCentre in Kiev, with its world class exhibition programme, is a dynamic focus for the development of understanding of contemporary art in Central and Eastern Europe. The centre includes over 3,000 sq ft of exhibition spaces with free entry to an extensive exhibition and education programme, and has received over 2 million visitors since it opened in 2006.

Future Generation Art Prize Board members are: **Richard Armstrong**, Director, Solomon R. Guggenheim Foundation and Museum, New York; **Eli Broad**, Founder, The Broad Foundation, Los Angeles, USA; **Andreas Gursky**, Patron Artist, Germany; **Damien Hirst**, Patron Artist, UK; **Dakis Joannou**, Founder, DESTE Foundation for Contemporary Art, Greece; **Sir Elton John**, Founder Elton John AIDS Foundation and Sir Elton John Photography Collection, UK; **Jeff Koons**, Patron Artist, USA; **Glenn D. Lowry**, Director, The Museum of Modern Art, New York, USA; **Takashi Murakami**, Patron Artist, Japan; **Alfred Pacquement**, Former Director, Musée national d'art moderne, Centre Georges Pompidou, France; **Miuccia Prada**, Founder, Fondazione Prada, Italy.

**Victor Pinchuk, Founder and Chairman of the Future Generation Art Prize**, said: "I am passionate that the work of young artists in all parts of the world is recognised. Not only as a creative force in their countries, but also to support them to make an impact on a world stage, reflecting the power of culture to unite people, and bring about positive change in society."

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