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LILI DUJOURIE laureate FLEMISH CULTURE PRIZE FOR VISUAL ARTS 2015

The Flemish Minister of Culture, Sven Gatz, awarded the Flemish Culture Prize for Visual Arts 2015 to Lili Dujourie. She receives 10,000 euro and an art work.

Lili Dujourie (Roeselare, °1941) is considered one of the most important female Belgian artists since the Second World War. Her rich oeuvre is incredibly diversified. It balances on the cusp of sculpture, photography, video and installation art. She succeeds time and again in broadening everybody's perspective. *"My studio is more like a laboratory. Everything is born in my head. I make drawings from it and then I look at ways to translate it,"* explains the artist.

"Dujourie continues to surprise, offers different perspectives and pushes boundaries. The multifaceted artist is an established figure, both at home and abroad. She more than deserves this recognition," stated Sven Gatz, Flemish Minister for Culture, Media, Youth and Brussels Affairs. *"She represents unmistakable world quality."*

Dujourie's works travel round the world. Major themes from the social debate do not in any way leave her cold. *"I have always lived in the present. My work has always been a reaction to the time in which I live,"* she explains. She has been stalwart on the art scene since the eighties. *"The work of Lil Dujouries evolves independently of trends and fashions. Lili Dujourie is the Louise Bourgeois of the Low Countries,"* says the jury.

The S.M.A.K., Municipal Museum of Contemporary Art, has a number of works by Dujourie in its permanent collection. Lili Dujourie expresses her thanks for the prize with a piece of art:

Places devoted to the night/Remote from tumults and from noise, 1983 © Dirk Pauwels



Flanders Culture Prizes 2015

On the recommendation of a jury of experts, the Flemish minister of Culture honours an individual or organisation who has made a significant contribution during the previous season to the cultural landscape in Flanders. Flanders Culture Prizes announce the winner at an important event of the sector, putting both the sector and the winner in the spotlight and recognising the achievements of both. A sum of 10,000 euro is awarded. For the General Culture Merit Award of the Flemish Community, the Government of Flanders reserves the sum of 20,000 euro. Each laureate receives the bronze statue 'La ultima isla' by Philip Aguirre.
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Background information

<http://lilidujourie.be/>

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