

# Roswitha Haftmann Stiftung

**Press release**

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## **Lawrence Weiner receives Roswitha Haftmann Prize**

**At a ceremony held today at the Kunsthaus Zürich, American artist Lawrence Weiner (born 1942) will receive Europe's best endowed art award. The Board of the Roswitha Haftmann Foundation will award the prize, worth CHF 150,000, before an audience of 300 invited guests.**

Lawrence Weiner is the fifteenth artist to receive Europe's best endowed art award. The prize was originally the initiative of Roswitha Haftmann (1924–1998), whose Foundation has awarded it since 2001 to a living artist who has created an oeuvre of outstanding quality. The winner is chosen by the Foundation Board, which includes the directors of the Kunstmuseum Bern, the Kunstmuseum Basel, the Museum Ludwig in Cologne and the Kunsthaus Zürich as well as other members co-opted by the Board.

At 6.30 p.m. Dr. Christoph Becker, President of the Roswitha Haftmann Foundation, will present the prizewinner with a certificate. The speech of laudation for Lawrence Weiner will be made by Dr. Dieter Schwarz, Director of the Kunstmuseum Winterthur. Following the ceremony, the text of his speech will be published on the website of the Roswitha Haftmann Foundation.

For further information see: [www.roswithahaftmann-foundation.com](http://www.roswithahaftmann-foundation.com).

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