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Formal presentation of the Roswitha Haftmann Prize to Rosemarie Trockel. Event with special prize winner Robert Frank.

The Roswitha Haftmann Prize – the best endowed art award in Europe – is presented today at the Kunsthaus Zürich to the conceptual artist Rosemarie Trockel. Photo and film artist Robert Frank, who receives a special prize, will take part in a discussion on 17 May.

The Board of the Roswitha Haftmann Foundation has awarded the 2014 Roswitha Haftmann Prize – worth CHF 150,000 – to the German artist Rosemarie Trockel (born 1952). Trockel is one of the most important artists of a generation that produces sophisticated work in a range of media and is actively involved in art-related teaching and research. She receives the prize from Dr. Christoph Becker (Chairman of the Board) before an audience of around 300 invited guests of the Zürcher Kunstgesellschaft. In his encomium, Prof. Thomas Wagner (Member of the Board) pays tribute to the work of an artist who, in her drawings, paintings, ceramics, videos, sculptures and objects, questions both their function and their seeming self-evidence. Rosemarie Trockel is the fourteenth artist to receive Europe's most valuable art prize and the fifth woman to do so, after Maria Lassnig, Mona Hatoum, Vija Celmins and Cindy Sherman.

EVENT WITH ROBERT FRANK

The photographer, film director and cinematographer Robert Frank receives a special prize of CHF 75,000. Born in Zurich in 1924, the Swiss-American artist is one of the most important photographers of the latter half of the 20th century. He made his name in the 1950s with contributions to 'Life', 'Vogue', 'Look' and 'Fortune', working side by side with the leading figures in his trade. In 1958, Frank swapped his still camera for a movie camera. At 11 a.m. on Saturday 17 May, Robert Frank will take part in a discussion with Michael von Graffenried in the lecture hall of the Kunsthaus, in which the two will explore his unique narrative style. Admission is free.

For further information see: www.roswithahaftmann-foundation.com.

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