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zentral!

At the end of each year, the exhibition *zentral!* focuses attention on art created in the region. From the 237 works entered this year, the jury has selected 25 positions, which include three duos and two performances. The artists, all born between 1999 and 1943, are showing poetic, moving or critical works in all artistic media–from oil painting via monumental sculpture to detailed installation.

What are artists preoccupied with currently? Many of the works on show reflect the insecurity and fragility of our time. Among the recurrent questions raised are: What will endure? How do we coexist? What will be left–of a building, an idea, a culture, water, or life? Edward Wright's fragmented painting examines how cultures continue to have an effect, while Lipp&Leuthold references the Voyager Golden Record, a gilt phonograph record on which people sent greetings and information into space in 1977, the intention being that extraterrestrials find out about the existence of mankind, even if humans were already extinct. Anja Meier follows up memories of the river Reuss in an interactive work involving found items. Her precarious installation, like Sonja Kretz' research on rockslides, speak about how nature is out of equilibrium. And what do institutions and their visitors leave behind? Stephan Wittmer transforms handrails in the historical museum building, the so-called Meili Building, so as to reflect on the theme of access, and Lino Peter/Lisa Blaser have gathered and archived traces of our visitors.

How do we shape coexistence and relationships with people, as well as animals? In her performance, *It's Just a Question*, Annie Kahri gets the vernissage visitors involved, enabling them to experience what it means to belong or to be excluded. Florian Maritz light-heartedly explores how the fox has come to terms with people. The work *Amour* by Mahtola Wittmer reminds us that love is all too often linked with violence, while the duo Zellweger Boehm mock the architecture of power by means of a grandiose sculpture made of sponge. Katrin Keller's soft, baroque guard stone cushions any potential collision between visitors and door frame, and thus emphasises the significance of treating one another with care.

Artists: Ruth Baettig, ccby.club, Robert Estermann, Elisabetha Günthardt, Roland Heini, Christian Herter, Cécile Huber, Annie Kahri, Christian Kathriner, Katrin Keller, Sonja Kretz, Noah Krummenacher, Lipp&Leuthold, Florian Maritz, Anja Meier, Thomas Muff, Corinne Odermatt, Lino Peter/Lisa Blaser, Michaela Schmid, Markus Schwander, Ornella Steiger, Mahtola Wittmer, Stephan Wittmer, Edward Wright, Zellweger Boehm

Jury: Susanne Hofer, artist; Edwin Huwyler, co-owner Kunstgalerie Hofmatt, Sarnen; Barbara Ruf, curator, member of the Canton Zug Art Acquisition Group; Eveline Suter, curator Kunstmuseum Luzern, Jury President; Andreas Weber, artist, Board Member of Visarte Zentralschweiz

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DATES

Media preview with coffee and croissants
Friday, 27.11., 10.15 am

Opening
Friday, 27.11., from 6 pm
Greeting, introduction, and awards ceremony
Andi Scheitlin, President Kunstgesellschaft Luzern
Fanni Fetzer, Director Kunstmuseum Luzern
Georg Simmen, Director of Education and Culture Kanton Uri
Eveline Suter, curator *zentral!*
Milena von Schulthess, curator *Solo*

It's Just a Question
Friday, 27.11., 7 pm
Performance Annie Kahri, artist

Tours
with the award winners and Eveline Suter, curator
Sunday, 29.11., 11 am
with exhibiting artists
Sunday, 13.12., 20.12. and 24.01., 11 am

Introduction for Teachers
Wednesday, 09.12., 5 pm

Viel zu fucking süss
Wednesday, 16.12., 6 pm
Performance Ornella Steiger, artist

Family Tour
Sunday, 17.01., 11 am

Tour for the generation 60plus
Thursday, 28.01., 3.30 pm

Public Tours
Wednesday 6 pm and Sundays 11 am according to website

Schools
Various offers for all levels

Opening hours during the holidays
24./25., 31.12. closed,
26.12. and 01.01.2027, open from 11 am to 6 pm

The multimedia-guide provides short descriptions of the works.
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