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26th National Competition of the Federal Ministry of Education and Research 27 October 2023 – 7 January 2024

The starting signal has been given for the *26th Federal Award for Art Students*. The 24 art colleges in Germany have each nominated their two candidates for the competition. The art students have until the end of November 2022 to submit their digital portfolios.

A jury, consisting of three independent experts, will select up to eight award winners from the submitted portfolios in January 2023. For the jury of the *26th Federal Prize for Art Students*, Fatima Hellberg, director of the Bonner Kunstverein, Anna Nowak, curator of the Kunsthaus Hamburg, and Christiane Mennicke-Schwarz, artistic director, Kunsthaus Dresden have been recruited.

The *Federal Award for Art Students* is announced every two years by the Federal Ministry of Education and Research. It is a competition aimed at students from the 24 German art colleges gathered in the Rectors' Conference of the Art Colleges. Each university nominates two students who compete for the prizes. The Federal Prize is considered one of the most important awards for young artists in Germany.

The design of the poster, catalogue and website is the responsibility of one of the participating universities. For the 26th national competition, the Staatliche Akademie der Bildenden Künste Stuttgart is responsible.

The Bundeskunsthalle has been presenting the competition since 1994. It was launched in 1983 under the title *Art Students Exhibit*. The exhibition thus offers a good insight into the very young production of contemporary visual art in Germany.

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