

Press Release

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The *Cartier* Award 2009: Winner Announced

Frieze Art Fair is delighted to announce that the winner of The Cartier Award 2009 is the American artist Jordan Wolfson.

Wolfson is a talented conceptual artist, based in Berlin and New York. His winning proposal was selected from over 450 applications. Once again, entries to the Cartier Award were made by artists from all over the world. For Frieze Art Fair 2009, sponsored for the sixth year by Deutsche Bank, Wolfson will present a new site-specific work.

The Cartier Award is widely acknowledged as one of the world's leading art awards. It allows an emerging artist from outside the UK to realise a major project at Frieze Art Fair as part of the critically acclaimed Frieze Projects programme. Neville Wakefield, curator of Frieze Projects, commenting on the announcement said: "Jordan's unique brand of poetic conceptualism ranges across the sciences and humanities to create what are at once delightful and perplexing forays into the narratives and myths that colour our times. Especially exciting is the opportunity to bring such complex and sometimes challenging work to the wider audience of Frieze."

The Cartier Award forms an exciting and visible element of Cartier's long-standing commitment to the commissioning and display of contemporary art. Grazia Quaroni, a member of the selection panel, and curator of the Cartier Foundation for Contemporary Art in Paris added: "Mixing with total freedom all aspects of contemporary culture for his visual purposes, Wolfson creates a new language while researching new paths to engage the audience."

In 2009, Gasworks, London's outstanding complex of artists' studios, will once again host the award's residency.

Jordan Wolfson (b. 1980) is an American artist whose recent work focuses on film and

video. He lives and works in Berlin and New York and graduated from Rhode Island School of Design in 2003.

Selected solo shows include: 'Untitled false document', Swiss Institute for Contemporary Art, New York (2008); 'Optical Sound', Gamec - Galleria Arte Moderna e Contemporanea, Bergamo (2007) and Kunsthalle Zürich (2004). Group shows include: T - Torino Triennale Arte Contemporanea, 50 lune di Saturno, Turin (2008); Gladstone Gallery, Brussels (2008); 'Passengers', CCA Wattis Institute, San Francisco (2008); 'Learn to Read', Tate Modern, London (2007) and 'Day for Night', Whitney Biennial, Whitney Museum of American Art, New York (2006).

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Editors' Notes

Selection Committee

Neville Wakefield (Curator, Frieze Projects)

Grazia Quaroni (Curator, the Cartier Foundation for Contemporary Art)

Catalina Lozano (Residencies Co-ordinator, Gasworks)

Mario Garcia Torres (Artist)

The *Cartier* Award

The Cartier Award is an extraordinary opportunity for artists to realise a major new work at Frieze Art Fair as part of Frieze Projects. Works may be site-specific installations, performance, film, video or print. The award provides production costs of up to £10,000, an artist's fee of £1,000, and a three month residency at Gasworks from August to October 2009 including accommodation, per diems and travel expenses. The award is open to non-UK-based artists within five years of graduating from an undergraduate or postgraduate degree, or under 30 years of age.

Cartier and The *Cartier* Award

Cartier UK is the Associate Sponsor of Frieze Art Fair supporting Frieze Projects and the Cartier Award. Cartier has a long-standing relationship with contemporary art and, over twenty years ago, the company established the Cartier Foundation for Contemporary Art in Paris.

Gasworks

Gasworks is a contemporary arts organisation in South London housing 12 artists' studios and presenting a programme of exhibitions, residencies, international fellowships and educational projects.

Frieze Projects and Frieze Talks

The second edition of *Frieze Projects and Frieze Talks* covering the years from 2006 to

2008 will be published in September 2009. Serving as an introduction and critical contribution to the most current debates in contemporary art, *Frieze Projects and Frieze Talks* serves as an invaluable reference tool. UK £19.95

Frieze Art Fair

Frieze Art Fair takes place from 15-18 October 2009 in Regent's Park, London. Frieze Art Fair is the UK's largest art fair and one of the leading contemporary art fairs in the world.

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Frieze Art Fair – Information

Opening dates and hours:

Thursday	15 October	11am – 7pm
Friday	16 October	11am – 7pm
Saturday	17 October	11am – 7pm
Sunday	18 October	11am – 6pm

Preview:

Wednesday 14 October

Advance Tickets go on sale from 1 June:

Box Office and 24-hour credit card hotline:

See Tickets +44 (0)871 230 7159

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