

AXEL VERVOORDT WINS AC CULTURE PRIZE 2019

Antwerpen Cultuurstad' presents this year the AC Culture Prize to Axel Vervoordt. The award is traditionally awarded to organizations or individuals who make exceptional cultural efforts, in particular for the city of Antwerp. The world-renowned art dealer, decorator and interior designer will receive the prize in person during the annual member dinner on Wednesday 22 May.

The association supports cultural and artistic projects and has also been presenting the AC Culture Prize for several years. Among others, 'Let's Go Urban', the 'Red Star Line Museum', theater company 'Tutti Fratelli', 'Stripmuren' and 'Jeugd & Muziek' have already received the award. This year's award consists for the first time of an original artwork by Catherine Roctus, created especially for this edition.

The laureate of 2019 is Axel Vervoordt, an Antwerp citizen with an international appeal. The jury praises him for 'the unique way in which he manages to integrate contemporary and classical art with refined and artistic craftsmanship into every interior that is entrusted to him. In this way he creates a new world in which the client (re)discovers himself.' In addition to his continued support for young artists through the music foundation 'Inspiratum' and the 'Axel & May Vervoordt Foundation', played also his exceptional merits a major role for the city of Antwerp. The rescue of the historic buildings of the 16th century 'Vlaaikengang', his advisory role in the renovation of the 'M HKA' and recently the guest curatorship of the 'Diamantmuseum/



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Diamond Museum' in Antwerp with the creation of 'De Wonderkamer/The Wonder Room' are just a few examples.

'Antwerpen Cultuurstad vzw' is celebrating its 25th anniversary this year. The association was founded in 1994 by various people from Antwerp who had given their support to Antwerp Cultural Capital of Europe 1993. The association is currently committed to continue to promote culture and art in and outside Antwerp amongst its members. More information about the activities can be found on the website www.antwerpencultuurstad.be.

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