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Deutsche Börse Photography Foundation holding artist talk with Hosam Katan

The Syrian photographer's talk will take place at The Cube, Eschborn on 29 November

The Deutsche Börse Photography Foundation is hosting an artist talk with Syrian photographer Hosam Katan on 29 November at 6 p.m. The young Syrian has been documenting the ongoing civil war in his hometown of Aleppo through his work since 2011. He presents different facets of civilian lives during the conflict. His pictures depict destroyed buildings, battle situations and everyday scenes of local people. With his feeling for the right moment, Hosam Katan creates impressive images from the perspective of an immediate observer that go beyond the pure documentation of events.

Hosam Katan was born in Aleppo, Syria in 1994 and began working as a photographer for the Aleppo Media Center at the age of just 18. Shortly thereafter, the photographs of his embattled hometown were published by the news agency Reuters and found their way into various magazines and newspapers, including *Stern*, *The New York Times* and *The Telegraph*. He left Syria via Turkey at the end of last year and came to Germany as a refugee, where he completed a guest semester at the Offenbach University of Art and Design (*Hochschule für Gestaltung in Offenbach*) in spring 2016. Katan has received several awards for his work, including the Nannen special prize and a special prize for photography from Deutsche Börse Photography Foundation, which was awarded jointly with the Offenbach University of Art and Design.

As part of the talk, Hosam Katan will present his work and report on his personal experiences in the conflict zone. This will be followed by an opportunity for a joint discussion. We kindly invite you to take part in our artist talk, which will take place in English at The Cube, the headquarters of Deutsche Börse in Eschborn.

Please contact us by email to register for the event. The number of places is limited. Press images relevant to Hosam Katan are available on: [link](#).

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Fighters from Free Syrian Army (FSA) when they are going to take position to fighting Al-Asad regime's forces in Handarat neighborhood in Aleppo in 2014 © Hosam Katan
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Rebel fighters of Free Syrian Army brigade use their mobile phones inside a room near the frontline in Handarat area, north of Aleppo March 1, 2015 © Hosam Katan
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Notes to Editors:

Deutsche Börse Photography Foundation

The Deutsche Börse Photography Foundation is a Frankfurt-based non-profit foundation. The foundation activities are focused on collecting, exhibiting and promoting contemporary photography. Deutsche Börse Group began to build up its collection of contemporary photography in 1999. For instance, one of the key aims of the foundation is to expand the Art Collection Deutsche Börse. Art Collection Deutsche Börse currently comprises more than 1,600 works by over 100 international artists. The collection and a changing exhibition programme are open to the public. Together with the Photographers' Gallery in London, the foundation awards the renowned Deutsche Börse Photography Foundation Prize each year. Other focal points include promoting new talent, supporting exhibition projects of international museums and institutions, and the expansion of platforms for academic discussion about the medium.

Further information is available at www.deutscheboersephotographyfoundation.org.