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## Media Release Deutsche Börse Photography Foundation

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### **HfG Fotoförderpreis of the Deutsche Börse Photography Foundation awarded to Jana Bissdorf**

The Deutsche Börse Photography Foundation together with the Offenbach University of Art and Design (HfG) presented the HfG Fotoförderpreis to Jana Bissdorf on 6 July. The award, with prize money of €2,500, has been presented since 2010 to students at the University of Art and Design who focus on the medium of photography. The presentation was made as part of the HfG Offenbach Annual show.

In "Wege zum Glück" (Ways to happiness) Jana Bissdorf combines photographs from areas of her personal environment with small black and white photographs that she has found, "transplanting" them physically into large-format colour photos with incisions. The assembled images independently refer from one another to untold stories, which differ both temporally and visually, but enter into subtle, ironic and at times disconcerting dialogue with one another. Bissdorf writes, "It is the constant running and seeking, stumbling and finding, shapes and smells, colours, stories. Moments that provoke us, because they evoke memories. Moments that stretch or freeze time, propel us beyond limits, bring us back from the edge of the Cyclops to his eye."

The jury also expressed an honorable mention to student Tajana Vdovenko. In her group of works "stranded s.o." and artist's book "mails at midnight", Tatiana Vdovenko provides glimpses of personal and intimate moments. These visual fragments tell us about emotional moments and situations. The affectionately combined black and white and colour photographs create a touching and poetic unity.

This year's jury comprised photographer Barbara Klemm, HfG President Professor Bernd Kracke, and Director of the Deutsche Börse Photography Foundation Anne-Marie Beckmann.

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**Deutsche Börsen 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 started collecting contemporary photography in 1999. Art Collection Deutsche Börse now comprises more than 1,700 works by over 120 international artists. Expanding the Art Collection Deutsche Börse is one of the key aims of the foundation. 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. Promotion of young artists is important to the foundation, whose activities include awards, scholarships and exhibitions, e.g. cooperation with the Foam Talent programme and the Frankfurt artist support association *Frankfurter Künstlerhilfe*. Other focal areas include 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](http://www.deutscheboersephotographyfoundation.org).