# THE ASSOCIATION ART OF CHANGE 21 IS ALLOCATING A SUPPORT FUND OF 42,000 EUROS TO 21 YOUNG ARTISTS COMMITTED TO ENVIRONMENTAL ISSUES, IN PARTNERSHIP WITH MAISON RUINART

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Emanuele Coccia, philosopher Emma Lavigne, president of the Palais de Tokyo, Pauline Lisowski, art critic, François Michaud, curator at the Fondation Louis Vuitton, Emmanuel Tibloux, director of the École Nationale Supérieure des Arts Décoratifs, Fabien Vallérian, arts and culture director of Maison Ruinart. President of the jury: Alice Audouin, president of Art of Change 21.

## ART OF CHANGE 21

The association Art of Change 21 brings together contemporary art and major environmental issues, acting on an international scale. Founded in 2014 by president Alice Audouin and sponsored by Olafur Eliasson, Art of Change 21's main partner is the Fondation Schneider Electric and its institutional partners are the Ministry of Europe and Foreign Affairs, the Office Française de la Biodiversité and the UN Environment Programme. In 2021, Art of Change 21 welcomed Maison Ruinart as its new partner. www.artofchange21.com @artofchange21

### **MAISON RUINART**

A supporter of the creative arts and a long-standing advocate of the fight against global warming, it was only natural that Maison Ruinart offered to act as sponsor for the project led by Art of Change 21, to support artists who place environmental concerns at the heart of their work

PRESS CONTACT ADÈLE GODET AGODET@COMMUNICART.FR +33 (0) 6 30 79 44 80 Yesterday evening, the association Art of Change 21 rewarded the efforts of 21 young environmentally-minded artists impacted by the health crisis, selected by a prestigious jury. A total fund of 42,000 euros was awarded to the artists, amounting to 2,000 euros each, thanks to the partnership with Maison Ruinart.

The 21 recipients were :

Ikram Benchrif, Jonathan Bréchignac, Hugo Deverchère, Côme Di Meglio, Lucie Douriaud, Julie Escoffier & Héloïse Thouement (duo), Sara Favriau, Anne-Charlotte Finel, Jérémy Gobé, Chloé Jeanne, Camille Juthier, Vincent Laval, Théo Massoulier, Florian Mermin, Marie-Luce Nadal, Marie Ouazzani & Nicolas Carrier (duo), Jean-Baptiste Perret, Elvia Teotski, Anaïs Tondeur, Capucine Vever, Wiktoria Wojciechowska.



The association Art of Change 21, focused on the relationship between contemporary art and the environment, fully appreciates the extent of the negative impact the pandemic has had on the projects and careers of artists working with environmental themes. A supporter of artists and the environment since 2014, the association wanted to respond to the current emergency and help this young generation to make it through these hard times. For this reason, in April of last year, Art of Change 21 decided to introduce the support fund Planète Art Solidaire, in partnership with Maison Ruinart. 257 young artists committed to environmental issues and affected by the health crisis responded to the call for applications, which were provided in the form of a quick and simple questionnaire. The fund was open to contemporary visual artists living in France between the ages of 18 and 40, nonstudents, for whom the environment is an important is not the central theme in their work.

On the 9th of June, a carefully selected jury chose 21 winners according to three criteria: the quality of their work, the place of environmental issues in their work and their financial situation in 2020.

On the 22nd of June 2021, 21 artists were awarded 2000 euros each at a ceremony held in the garden of the Institut Suédois in Paris.

Why support artists committed to the environment? Art of Change 21 and Maison Ruinart believe that these artists help us to gain a deeper understanding of our relationship with the living world (i.e. the current pandemic) and look towards a more sustainable future. Their awareness, their commitment, as well as their inventiveness and broader vision must be encouraged and promoted, at a time in which the climate crisis is growing on a global scale.

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