

## ESSL ART AWARD CEE 2011

The ESSL ART AWARD is dedicated to supporting and discovering young art talents in Croatia, the Czech Republic, Hungary, Slovakia, Slovenia, Romania, including Bulgaria 2011 for the first time. In cooperation with bauMax the ESSL ART AWARD aims at promoting artists while being in education and offers them an opportunity to present their works in an international museal context. It is crucial for this project to cooperate with art academies. These institutions are the nucleus and well established places for the training of the future generations of artists. The ESSL ART AWARD offers a direct access to contemporary art production of central and southeastern Europe, at the very moment of its creation.

The Essl Museum is Austria's largest private museum. With its 7,000 exhibits the Essl Museum offers today an excellent overview of Austrian painting since 1945 as well as on international contemporary art. In 2005 the art collectors and founders Prof. Agnes and Karlheinz Essl started to donate biennially an art prize in order to promote young artists from Central and Southeastern Europe and to enable them to exhibit in an international context. Up to now the ESSL ART AWARD was successfully awarded in 2005, 2007 and 2009.

### Selection procedure of the ESSL ART AWARD:

An international jury will nominate 10 artists from each country for the award. Each group of nominees will be presented in a public group exhibition in the respective capital cities (approx. May 2011). On the opening day of the nominees group exhibition, the jury will choose on site in each country the first two winners and the Vienna Insurance Group (VIG) Special Invitation. In autumn 2011 all winners will exhibit their works in the final exhibition at the Essl Museum in Klosterneuburg. At the same time the winners of the VIG Special Invitation will show their works in the Exhibition Centre in the Ringturm, Vienna (headquarters VIG).

Online Applications for the ESSL ART AWARD CEE 2011 will start on 1<sup>st</sup> May 2010.

**Registration Period: 1 May – 30 June 2010**

**Submission Period: 1 May – 31 August**

For more information on the ESSL ART AWARD CEE, please see:

[www.essl.museum/essl-award/2011/index.html](http://www.essl.museum/essl-award/2011/index.html)