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# The gallerists' GAC awards reward Colita, Daniela Ortiz and Toni Giró

The Artur Ramon Art gallery wins in the programming category

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BARCELONA Artists and gallery owners form a tandem with very intimate ties that have a great moment of visibility in each edition of the GAC awards organized by the association Galeries d'Art de Catalunya. In the event held this Tuesday at the Macba, the gallery Àngels Barcelona won the award for the best exhibition of an emerging artist this year for Daniela Ortiz's exhibition *Roots rebellion* for denouncing the hypocrisy of western world in the management of the migratory phenomenon. The gallerist Rocío Santa Cruz, the one of the best exhibition of a consolidated artist to recover the photographs from the book of Colita *Antifemina* in the exhibition *Woman borderline situation*. The director of the El Quadern Robot gallery, Anna Belsa, has won in the category of best exhibition by a mid-career artist for the Toni Giró's exhibition *Revelations 2013-2019*, made up of a set of unpublished drawings about burning cars, worked with hands, graphite powder, rags and eraser that "reveal" and "make visible" violence, protest, injustice in the world we live in.

The prize in the category of best historical exhibition in a gallery went to Galeria Cadaqués, for a display of Richard Hamilton's works inspired by James Joyce. And the award for the best programming went to Artur Ramon Art. The presentation of the GAC awards was attended by nearly 300 guests, among whom was the Minister of Culture, Natàlia Garriga. During the event, the president of the awards committee and president of the Galeries d'Art de Catalunya Assotiation, Benito Padilla, called for "the visibility of art in all areas of life".

### Give visibility to art in all areas of life

The award-winning curator this year is Jorge Satorre, for Alberto Peral's exhibition at Tecla Sala Redonda redonda. In the collecting category, the award went to Jordi Gimferrer for having treasured for 60 years a magnificent set of works of Catalan painting with prominent names from Modernisme, Noucentisme and avant-gardes, and for having donated it to the city of Banyoles.

As for the critics, the winner is Marga Perera, contributor to the magazines *Arteinformatio* and *Tendencias del mercado del arte*, for her "continuous task of reflection on contemporary art, with rigor and sensitivity". The awarded media is *El Temps de les Arts*, for "the punctuality, rigor, good judgment and professionalism of its collaborators".

As already announced, the Honorary Award - Fundació Banc Sabadell to the artist for his career goes to Eulàlia Grau, and the Honorary Award - Sabadell Bank Foundation to the gallery for its career to Pepa Quinteiro, director of Anquin's Art Gallery in Reus, in its fiftieth anniversary. Coinciding with the gala, a special mention has been made public for the gallerist Lluçia Homs for his Talking Galleries initiative coinciding with its tenth anniversary.

The jury for the 2023 GAC Awards is chaired by curator Pilar Parcerisas and also includes critic Juan Bufill, artist Gino Rubert and curators Àlex Mitrani and Natàlia Chocarro.

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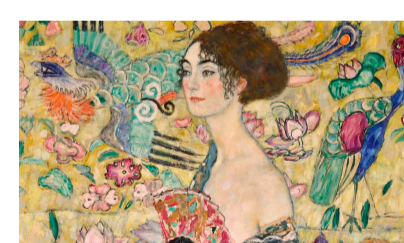
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