

# MOSTYN

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## **Announcement of winner of £10,000 MOSTYN Open 19 prize**

### **Exhibition dates: 14th March – 5th July 2015**

MOSTYN | Wales is delighted to announce that the £10,000 MOSTYN Open 19 prize has been awarded to Serena Porrati for her work, *365 Days of Sun*.

The piece, which is of sculpted steel, will be on show alongside works by 37 other selected artists at MOSTYN, Wales' leading contemporary art gallery in Llandudno until 5<sup>th</sup> July 2015.

A further prize of £1,000 - the People's Choice award, will be determined by the artist who receives the most votes from the visiting public during the exhibition's run. The winner will be announced at the exhibition close in July.

Statement from the judging panel:

The judges found the task of choosing one artist for the award of £10,000 an extremely difficult decision to make.

While each artist participating in the exhibition has earned the right to be here, and to stand equally alongside the others as potential winner, there was one artist whose commitment to form and concept, and an engagement with process and making, that had a strong and impressive impact on the judges.

The winning work engages with the industrial and the human, and with nature and artifice, as well as ideas of control and chance – issues that speak beyond the language of art and art history, to our environment and society.

Participating artists are:

**Caroline Allen, Mark Beldan, Hannah Birkett, Jorge Lizalde Cano, Ciriaca + Erre, Briony Clarke, Teresa Cos, Maria Ana Vasco Costa, Fiona Curran, Peter Doubleday, Mark Doyle, Alex Duncan, Catrin Llwyd, Rosie Farey, Carlos Noronha Feio, Rebecca Gould, Shreepad Joglekar, Gethin Wyn Jones, Justyna Kabala, Debbie Locke & Sara Dudman, Robert Lye, McGilvary/White, Lindsey Mendick, Fay Nicolson, Timea Anita Oravec, David Paddy, Simon Parish, Alice Pedroletti, Jonathan Phillips, Susan Phillips, Serena Porrati, Steph Shipley, Tim Simmons, Kristian Smith, Matthew Smith, Catrine Val, Dominic Watson, Ben Woodeson.**

### **About MOSTYN Open**

Since its inception in 1989, the Open has functioned as a call-out to artists of any age and residing place to enter, with an exhibition of the selected artworks taking place at MOSTYN, and a prize of £10,000 awarded to a single artist or collective. A prize of £1000 will also be

awarded to the People's Choice, which will be determined by the artist who receives the most votes from the visiting public during the exhibition's run.

This year, MOSTYN Open 19 took the idea of being 'open' a step further. For the first time the gallery invited work from a wide range of disciplines to be considered; from fine and applied arts, to design, fashion and graphic communication. The works selected reflect this diversity, as well as the international reach of the Open, with artists from Germany, Switzerland, Italy, Portugal and the USA, as well as from across the UK.

MOSTYN Open 19 has been selected by Claire Norcross, Designer; Philip Hughes, Director of Ruthin Craft Centre; Marinella Senatore, Artist; Adam Carr, Visual Arts Programme Curator of MOSTYN; Alfredo Cramerotti, Director of MOSTYN and the visiting audience, for the People's Choice.

Further information and images are available, on request, by emailing Lin Cummins – Audience Relations Manager [lin@mostyn.org](mailto:lin@mostyn.org)

#### **About the artist**

Serena Porrati (born Milan, 1981) lives and works between London and Milan. Serena graduated in Art and Technology at the Academy of Fine Art of Brera (Milan) where she worked and studied at the Visual Art Department. In 2013 she achieved MA Art & Science at Central St. Martins – University of the Arts, London UK. Her work has been exhibited in numerous solo and group exhibitions in England, Italy, Turkey, USA.

#### **About MOSTYN**

Situated in the North Wales coastal town of Llandudno, MOSTYN is Wales' leading public contemporary art gallery and serves as a forum for the presentation and discussion of contemporary life through contemporary art, curatorial practice and a programme of engagement.

MOSTYN receives financial support from the Arts Council of Wales and Conwy County Borough Council Art Service.

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