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Press release

Visarte membership for refugee artists: Delegate's meeting of the Swiss Visual Arts Association in Lausanne

At this year's delegate's meeting of the Swiss Visual Arts Association Visarte, Thierry Feuz was bidden farewell as a member of the central board. Adrien Jutard was elected as his successor. For refugee professional artists Visarte now offers the membership category «newcomer+».

The delegate's meeting of the Swiss Visual Arts Association Visarte took place on 10 June 2023. At the well-attended event in Lausanne, organized by the regional group Visarte Vaud, Thierry Feuz (Geneva) was thankfully bid farewell as a member of the central board. Adrien Jutard (Jura) was proposed for election and later confirmed and warmly welcomed as his successor on the board.

At request of the central board, various amendments to the statutes were discussed and approved. Visarte is particularly pleased that an additional membership category will be introduced with immediate effect alongside the existing «active members», «newcomers», «patrons» und «honorary members». Free membership as a «newcomer+» is open to all refugee artists who work professionally in their country of origin and is intended to enable them to network with other artists in Switzerland and their respective regions. Refugee artists also receive the International Association of Art card (IAA/AIAP card) which provides discounted or free admission to many museums around the world.

With the new member category «newcomer+» Visarte is responding to the ongoing war in Ukraine, but also to all the other crises that are forcing people around the world to flee their homelands. Visarte hopes to contribute to valuable artistic exchange and to improving the living conditions for refugee artists in Switzerland.

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