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The YOUNG ARTIST OF THE YEAR 2012 has been chosen

Ari Pelkonen has been selected as the Young Artist of the Year 2012. Pelkonen will receive a 20,000 euro stipend awarded by the City of Tampere and supported by Nokia plc, as well as the opportunity to arrange a private exhibition at the Tampere Art Museum.

Ari Pelkonen is the 28th Young Artist of the Year. He lives and works in Helsinki. Ari Pelkonen (b. 1978 in Pori) was graduated in 2006 as a Master of Art from the Finnish Academy of Fine Arts Helsinki. He held his first private exhibition in 2004 and has participated in collective exhibitions from 2002.

The committee making the decision was chaired by Taina Myllyharju, Director of the Tampere Art Museum, and included as members Directors Berndt Arell and Tapani Pennanen, Janne Gallen-Kallela-Sirén, Director of the Helsinki City Art Museum; and artists Hannu Ojala, Osmo Rauhala, Janne Laine and Katariina Salmijärvi. The nationwide Young Artist of the Year event was born in 1984 of the initiative of the Tampere Junior Chamber of Commerce. The event is organized by the Tampere Art Museum and the City of Tampere, and the committee includes representatives of the Tampere Art Association, the Tampere Artists' Association and the Artists' Association of Finland. The purpose of the event is to spotlight young, talented artists and to attract attention to new Finnish pictorial art and its phenomena.

The Young Artist of the Year 2012 - Ari Pelkonen - exhibition is at the Tampere Art Museum from 18 February to 22 April 2012.

Pictures and CV available at www.tampere.fi/taidemuseo/media

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