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MÖNCHEHAUS MUSEUM GOSLAR

The Mönchehaus built in 1528, is one of the most beautiful patrician houses in Goslar.

Adjacent to the great hall there are smaller rooms on two floors, above them large storage attics.
The garden is surrounded by former domestic offices.

In the second half of the last century the building complex was renovated thoroughly after years of decay.

After Goslar had attracted the attention of the international art world by creating the Kaiserring (emperor's ring), an award for important contemporary artists, the Goslarian industrialist and patron of arts Peter Schenning won the local authorities for his project, to install a Museum of Modern Art in the Mönchehaus.

On the occasion of awarding the Kaiserring in 1978 to Victor Vasarely, the Museum was opened. Since then, many visitors it has surpassed all expectations, thanks to excellent exhibitions and many other activities.

Although the activities are subsidized by public funds the better part is financed by the fees of the members, by private supporters and by the institutional sponsors. (...)

The„Goslar Kaiser Ring“

Goslar was nominated to be part of the World Cultural Heritage because of its rich architectural and historic value. But what had been created in the Middle Ages and Renaissance times was not much developed by later generations. Under various political and economic restraints this once so rich town had to struggle to keep up with modern development. There was little room for arts and culture, until in 1974 a few engaged citizens decided to continue the tradition of art in Goslar with the foundation of the Association for the Promotion of Modern Art. International recognition was sought by the foundation of an idearelated arts award.

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Despite the fact that this project met scepticism and even rejection, the city council recognized its importance, and in its laudatio for Richard Serra it was formulated by Dieter Honisch as follows: "By honouring the artist the town honours itself."

That claim became clear already in the person, to whom the first prize had been awarded: Henry Moore was the first, to whom the Kaiserring was given and he was the first in a long line of laureates, to whom "contemporary arts have to thank for essential impulses", as is written in the award document.

A jury, composed of recognized experts and local citizens, pays attention to keep up the standards. It is thanks to them that the ring showing the effigy of emperor Henry IV engraved in a sizeable aquamarine is today one of the internationaly most sought after artawards.(...)

Abridged version of the text in the emperor ring booklet 2003 (www.kaiserring.net),
of Rudolf Schwarz, publicist/Goslar.
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THE AWARDED ARTISTS – 1975-2009

1975 Henry Moore
1976 Max Ernst
1977 Alexander Calder
1978 Victor Vasarely
1979 Joseph Beuys
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1981 Richard Serra
1982 Max Bill
1983 Günther Uecker
1984 Willem de Kooning
1985 Eduardo Chillida
1986 Georg Baselitz
1987 Christo
1988 Gerhard Richter
1989 Mario Merz
1990 Anselm Kiefer
1991 Nam June Paik
1992 Rebecca Horn
1993 Roman Opalka

1994 Bernd & Hilla Becher
1995 Cy Twombly
1996 Dani Karavan
1997 Franz Gertsch
1998 Ilya Kabakov
1999 Cindy Sherman
2000 Sigmar Polke
2001 Christian Boltanski
2002 Jenny Holzer
2003 William Kentridge
2004 Katharina Sieverding
2005 Robert Longo
2006 Jörg Immendorff
2007 Matthew Barney
2008 Andreas Gursky
2009 Bridget Riley

THE KAISER RING SCHOLARS – 1984-2008

1984 Tina Juretzek
1985 Douglas Beer
1986 Halina Jaworski
1987 Zygmunt Januszewski
1988 Volker Bartsch
1989 Kirsten Mosel
1990 Andreas Gehlhaar
1991 Nati Crespo Aguilar
1992 Alf Löhr
1993 Nobuko Sugai
1994 Christoph Wilmsen-Wiegmann
1995 Susanne Kessler
1996 Oleg Dergatschov
1997 Heike Klussmann
1998 Chen Yun Wang
1999 Chul Young Choe
2000 Roland Fuhrmann
2001 Axana Lebedinskaja
2002 Juliane Jüttner
2003 Zhou Fei
2004 Klaus Jörres
2005 Peter Welz
2006 Anja Schrey
2007 Jan Albers
2008 Haïdée Henry
2009 Mariusz Tarkawian

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