



## JURY REPORT JAN ROËDE AWARD 2019

On June 13, 2014 it was 100 years ago that the Hague visual artist Jan Roëde (1914-2007) was born. On this occasion, the board of the Jan Roëde Foundation, the foundation that manages his artistic legacy, and in cooperation with the director of the Royal Academy of Visual Arts, decided to establish the Jan Roëde Award: an annual incentive prize for a graduating artist from the Fine Arts department of the KABK. The prize is intended as a symbol of recognition to encourage the winner to further develop their talents.

The jury of the Jan Roëde Award 2019 consisted of the members of the board of the foundation (Olga van Hulsen, Louw van Sinderen, Dick Stapel and Huub van Wersch) and Sacha Bronwasser, art historian and publicist. The jury was assisted by teacher of the KABK and visual artist Pim Voorneman.

On 4 July 2019, the jury made an assessment of the papers and presentations of the Fine Arts students who are graduating this year. The jury was impressed by the quality, diversity and expressiveness of many of the projects. The artist who was unanimously selected by the jury for receiving the Jan Roëde Award 2019 is:

### **Eliza Reszka**

Eliza Reszka has turned the space allocated to her into a visual journey that draws the visitor in. The story of her sudden departure from Poland as a 13-year-old is revealed in loose, cut-out drawings that occupy the space in an unusual way. Lampposts pull you along the road, the flag of the European Union beckons, a traffic sign lights up and human figures come and go without gravity taking hold of them. This tumbling whole is fragmentary in the way memories are. Yet we understand: this is a flight to a better life. At the end we see a houseplant, a symbol of arrival and a home.

On the face of it, this work is cheerful, playful and light-hearted, with a humour that we can call "Roëdian", but the undertone is serious and resonates with the issues surrounding people leaving their home to settle elsewhere. The topicality of this theme, coupled with the originality of its visual power, makes the work convincing. With her presentation "Przygody kiszonej kapusty" (Sauerkraut Adventures), Eliza Reszka is the winner of the Jan Roëde Award 2019.

On behalf of the jury of the Jan Roëde Award,

Huub van Wersch,  
Chairman of the jury

The Hague, 5 July 2019

*The Jan Roëde Award 2019 consists of a cash prize of € 2500 that the receiving artist can spend freely. The Jan Roëde Foundation will - in consultation with the prize winner –mention the award ceremony and the artist who has won the prize on its website ([www.janroede.nl](http://www.janroede.nl)).*