

HGK NEXA Award 2024

Award Ceremony 7.3.2024

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Rondi Park (Student, MA Fine Arts, HGK Basel)

I'm happy to announce this NEXA Award that goes to

Thinking From Within Nature-3D generated Ecocentric Short Stories by **Renée Labek**, MA Visual Communication and Iconic Research

When I first saw the work, suddenly the surroundings felt much relaxed but also I was quite struck and alert from what was shown. The power of earth (?) However, the tone of the work was very gentle and inviting much like the nature. It almost took all of us to the core and even allowed us to take the perspective and so thinking and being within the earth. Just becoming water, fire, earth and air. Because of the amazing visual poetic that enables us to experience and sense an earthly being.

Despite how aware we live in the ecosystem, because we treat nature as part of our environment, we often forget how crucial it is to recognize nature as part of us and realizing this fact leads directly to thinking about co-living with earth and question about our constant habit of human-centric behavior.

And by this gentle way of awakening us, **Thinking From Within Nature – these Eco-centric Short Stories** holds a very important humble egoshooter like value that contemporary life often pushes us to forget, Taking our time.

Thanks and congratulations to **Renée Labek!**