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**Title of the exhibition:**  RAUMPLAN – 15 years STRABAG Artaward Interantional
**Exhibiting artists:** Józefina Alanko, Anouk Lamm Anouk, Catherine Biocca, Amoako Boafo, Marta Czene, Svenja Deininger, Verena Dengler, Aurelia Gratzer, Jochen Höller, Anna Chodorkovskaja, Svätopluk Mikyta, Philip Patkowisch, Shuvo Rafiqul, Julia Steiner, Ján Vasilko, Andreas Werner **Venue:** Jan Koniarek Gallery in Trnava, Koppel's Villa , Zelený kríček 3, Trnava

**Curator:** Vladimír Beskid

**Opening:** 20 March (Wed) 2023 at 18:00

STRABAG Artaward originated as a regional art award in Southern Austria, presented annually by the predecessor company of STRABAG SE, today a European technology group for building services, a leader in innovation and capital strength. In its core markets of Austria and Germany, the company operates successfully through numerous subsidiaries in the countries of Eastern and Southeastern Europe, as well as in selected markets in Western Europe and other continents. At STRABAG SE, cultural and social commitment is permanently integrated together with economic and environmental responsibility. The STRABAG Kunstforum, founded in Carinthia in the 1990s, successfully bridges the gap between business and art and was established with the intention of promoting art and building an art collection. The first art promotion award for young artists - originally for Austrian artists - in the field of painting and drawing was announced back in 1994. In 2009, the internationalisation of the STRABAG Artaward was finally held. The 15th STRABAG Artaward took place in Berlin. The exhibition at the Jan Koniarek Gallery is dedicated to this anniversary.

STRABAG Kunstforum considers itself a partner of artists and is committed to art as cultural capital and identity-forming factor. For this reason, it is a great pleasure for us to be a creditor of this exhibition and to take the opportunity to present the artists honoured with the STRABAG Artaward International Award for the first time in Slovakia.

It is the enriching encounters with the award-winning artists and experts within the jury that deserve to be celebrated today. We would like to thank the Director of the Jan Koniarek Gallery, Mr. Vladimír Beskid as the STRABAG Artaward International jury meetings from 2021 to 2023 have been of great benefit thanks to his deep, intelligent and expert knowledge. We are also very grateful to him for the realization of this jubilee exhibition.

Julia Schuster
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