

## **Dichroic Glass Art Wins Award**

### **The Prinz Optics Prize awarded to students of the Institute of Ceramics and Glass Arts.**

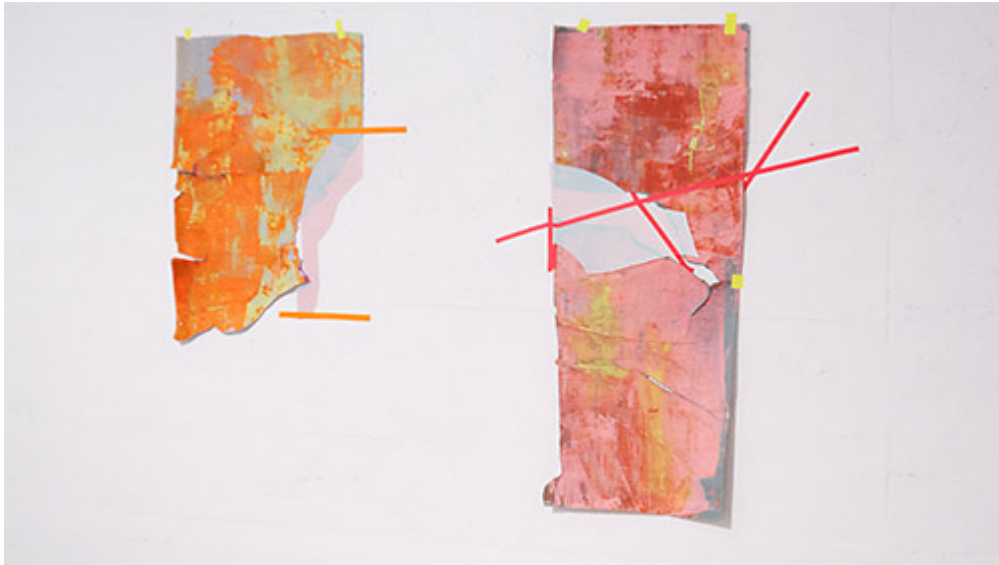
The Prinz Optics Prize for the design of an art object made of dichroic colour effect glass was awarded this year for the first time. Michèle Janata, BFA of the Institute of Ceramics and Glass Arts (IKKG) at the Koblenz University of Applied Sciences, was the winner of the prize sponsored by Prinz Optics GmbH, the manufacturer of this special glass based in Stromberg.

Prior to the award ceremony, a competition to design a two- or three-dimensional art object using colour effect glass had been jointly offered by IKKG and Prinz Optics. The 2nd and 3rd prizes were awarded respectively to Massami Hirohata from Japan, MFA (IKKG), and to Susanne Kunkel, BFA (IKKG).

Colour effect glass is a dichroic (from the Greek 'dichroos' = bicolour) filter. With it, nearly each colour of the spectrum can be generated from light. Depending upon the incidence angle of light rays and the perspective of the viewer, it is colourless and intensely colourful, transparent or reflective. These properties are created by an extremely thin, optically transparent coating which reflects certain wavelengths of the light rays whilst others are transmitted unhampered.

**The Institute of Ceramics and Glass Arts (IKKG)** at the Koblenz University of Applied Sciences provides a comprehensive artistic education for young talents which focuses on sculpture with the material fields of ceramic and glass. The institute was founded 25 years ago. Its courses were first accredited with the Bachelor of Fine Arts (BFA) and the Master of Fine Arts (MFA) in 2007.

**Photos:**



**1st prize**

Michèle Janata: From their series "Sunshower", 2016

Dichroic glass, adhesive tape, drawing



**2nd prize**

Masami Hirohata: Helios, 2016

Dichroic glass, flashlight, bulb, mirror, metal



**3rd prize**

Susanne Kunkel: Zeitimpuls / stille Dissonanz, 2016

Dichroic glass, newspaper, metal

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High res pictures or additional material can be provided on request.

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