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Press Release

Sam Zamrik receives the Wunderblock Award

The Wunderblock Foundation is presenting its inaugural grant this year –
the **Wunderblock Award**, which is endowed with 10,000 Euros.

The grant will be given to poet **Sam Zamrik**. The award ceremony will take
place on October 14, 2022. The laudatory speech will be delivered by poet
and translator Sylvia Geist.

Sam Zamrik (b. in 1996, in Damascus) is a poet, translator, and political
educator. They worked as a band manager and lyricist in Syria's
underground metal music movement New Wave. Their writings have been
published by the WIR MACHEN DAS initiative *Weiter Schreiben* and in
various German newspapers such as the *Tagesspiegel* and *taz*. Through their
baroque, sometimes laconic images, Sam Zamrik finds expression for war
and flight, for uprootedness and loneliness, for the feeling of being
non-existent and having no voice. In October of this year their first
volume of poetry will be published by publishing house Hanser Berlin in a
bilingual English/German edition.
Sam Zamrik lives, writes, and studies in Berlin.

*In an expressive, luminous, intensely tender language that is able to take the
risk of beauty because allowing us to see when and how, even in times of great
trouble, beauty can arise, Sam Zamrik's poems sing their "yet."*
– Sylvia Geist

The **Wunderblock Foundation** is a non-profit organization that was
established by painter **Katharina Grosse** in 2020. The foundation has set
itself the goal of expanding our understanding of painting and placing
the field of painting into a larger cultural context. Its central task is
promoting outstanding positions in contemporary art and culture. The
foundation sees itself as providing an interdisciplinary practice space,
a research center, and an open archive.

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