

« Reading light »
Monica Danet Awards

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Created by :
Jean-Baptiste Danet

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Artistic Direction :
Martin Szekely

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Designers taking part :
Big-game
David Dubois
Adrien Rovero

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Show :

Galerie kreo
from December 1st, 2007
to January 19th, 2008 •
Opening : Saturday 1st December 2007 from 4 pm to 9 pm

Opening hours
From 2 pm to 7 pm
And on saturday from 11 am to 7 pm

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Vernissage le samedi 1er décembre
de 16h à 21h
Ouverture du mardi au vendredi
de 14h à 19h
et le samedi de 11h à 19h

•Monica Danet was the art director of Christofle for almost ten years. «Monica was cultivated and a fine observer, remembers Jean-Baptiste Danet. Fascinated by the beauty and purity of objects that have a meaning, not necessarily useful. It was in contact with designers that she lived life to the full». « She appreciated objects and their authors» adds the designer Martin Szekely, who worked with her at the beginning of the 2000 years. Monica left us at the age of 44, after a long illness.

Created this year on Jean-Baptiste Danet's initiative « the Monica Danet prize » wishes to pay tribute to Monica's passion and determination. « I wish that this prize recalls rightly and with full of hope what this world can bring », underlines Jean-Baptiste Danet. « The Monica Danet prize » aims to encourage three young designers, offering them a financial support to create, develop and produce an original piece. Monica was passionate by books. The reason of the chosen theme : a reading light.

For this first edition of « the Monica Danet Prize », three young designers were awarded, or design groups : the Swiss Adrien Rovero (1981), the French David Dubois (1971), and Big Game trio : the Belgian Elric Petit (1978), the Swiss Grégoire Jeanmonod (1978), and the French Augustin Scott de Martinville (1980). All of the three have realized a prototype of their own light. They will be on view at the Galerie kreo, from the 1st of December until the 19th of January.

In a painting by Vermeer entitled the reader by the window, a young woman is lost in the reading of a letter. On the window there is a reflection of a face.