

## JURY REPORT BEST OF GRADUATES 2020

This year's recipient of the 2020 RM Young Blood Award is Narges Mohammadi (KABK, The Hague). During a covid-proof ceremony, Barbara Bos, Head of Exhibitions at Museum Voorlinden announced the winner of the award. Winning the RM Young Blood Award means that the work of Mohammadi will be placed in the permanent collection of Museum Voorlinden.

“Especially in a time of distance in which contrasts become much more visible and tangible, Narges Mohammadi knows how to connect people through her autobiographical work. Her work moves the viewer directly, because it touches on the essence of being human for better or for worse.”

- Barbara Bos | Head of Exhibitions at Museum Voorlinden

Narges Mohammadi is an artist, curator and DJ currently based in The Hague (NL). She graduated the BA Modern and Contemporary Art History from Utrecht University in 2018 and completed her BA Fine Arts at the Royal Academy of Arts The Hague. Her artistic practice stems from a position of in-betweenness – a space embedded within separated cultural histories.

In her artistic practice she makes works that embody long lost memories, which she translates into immersive installations and sculptures. Her works can be characterized by a play with fragrances, colors, symbols and habits of different cultural traditions. By using simple and widely accessible materials in atmospheres that have seemingly outgrown them, she allows different senses of home to come together.

“We are most grateful to the Ron Mandos Young Blood Foundation for the donation of the winning artwork to the collection of Museum Voorlinden. The work of Narges Mohammadi is a beautiful addition to our collection.”

- Suzanne Swarts | Director at Museum Voorlinden