

2024 Gutenberg Prize of the International Gutenberg Society and the City of Mainz awarded to Dr. Valentyna Bochkovska

Director of the Museum of Books and Printing of Ukraine in Kyiv receives the Gutenberg Prize for “selfless and courageous commitment under the most difficult conditions to preserve national cultural heritage.”

The jury based its decision in favour of Dr. Bochkovska on her impressive academic career in book studies. At the same time, Dr. Bochkovska's selfless and courageous commitment to the preservation of the national cultural heritage in wartime, under the most difficult of conditions, is an example of social responsibility.

Given the devastating situation in Ukraine, which has taken a terrible toll on the population, and against the background of the precarious global political situation triggered by Russia's war of aggression, the preservation and protection of cultural assets and thus also the preservation of the identity of Europe's recent history deserves special attention.

The President of the International Gutenberg Society in Mainz and Mayor of Mainz, Nino Haase: “We are delighted that, after the renowned printer and publisher Eckehardt Schumacher-Gebler and the internationally renowned art historian Jeffrey F. Hamburger, this year's Gutenberg Prize is being awarded to Dr. Valentyna Bochkovska, a woman who places the highest demands on her work and who is committed to preserving Johannes Gutenberg's legacy in a particularly impressive way. Without Johannes Gutenberg's art, many political and historical events would not have been possible.”

TV presenter and journalist Gundula Gause will give the laudatory speech. The award ceremony will be accompanied by the internationally renowned Ukrainian pianist Antuanetta Mishchenko.

Background:

The International Gutenberg Society was founded on the 500th anniversary of the birth of Johannes Gutenberg in 1900 as a civic movement that wanted to preserve the memory of the world-changing invention of the 15th century, present it in a Gutenberg Museum and discuss and communicate it in an international yearbook.

The Gutenberg commemorative publication, which this year honours the work of our city's greatest son, Johannes Gutenberg, on the 556th anniversary of his death, is also a greeting and a messenger from Gutenberg research in Mainz to the international community of media historians all over the world.

Further information and background information on the prize and the society can be obtained from the International Gutenberg Society in Mainz:

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