BLOCK: GRAND PRIX

The jury selected one winner and twelve projects-nominees from among 400 applications.

On 10 May, at the opening of the 11th Fotofestiwal – International Festival of Photography in Lodz – the winners of this year's Grand Prix contest, which has been organised since 2006 by the Festival, were announced. **The prize of PLN 10,000 for the project** "DREAMLINE (2008-2011)"**was awarded to Tomasz Lazar**, the first Polish winner of the Grand Prix in the history of the Fotofestiwal.

The remaining 12 projects will be presented in the form of night slide shows, prepared especially for the festival evening.

The jury convened in November 2011. We invited the following internationally acclaimed specialists to join the jury: Xavier Canonne, director of the Museum of Photography in Charleroi, Simon Bainbrigde, editor of the "British Journal of Photography" and Adam Mazur, curator of the Centre for Contemporary Art "Ujazdowski Castle".

Artists: Stefan Bladh, *Stasis* (Sweden) / Eran Gilat, *Life Science* (Israel) / Yoshi Kametani, *Plastic Spoon* (USA) / Jakub Karwowski, *Sentimental Fiction* (Poland) / Tomasz Lazar, *Dreamline* (Poland) / Lorena Morin, *seeingyou* (Spain) / Vittorio Mortarotti, *H* (Italy) / Isabelle Pateer, *Unsettled* (Belgium) / Egor Rogalev, *Faraway, so close!* (Russia) / Elena Saenko, *Inhabitancy* (Russia) / Anastasia Taylor-Lind, *The National Womb: Baby boom in Nagorno Karabakh* (Great Britain) / Nigel Bennet**,** *Silence Has An Echo* (Italy)

All members of the Jury:
- Xavier Canonne, director of the Museum of Photography in Charleroi, Belgium;
- Simon Bainbridge, editor of the "British Journal of Photography";
- Adam Mazur, curator of the Centre for Contemporary Art "Ujazdowski Castle";
- Krzysztof Candrowicz, director of the FOTOFESTIWAL International Festival of Photography in Łódź;
- Marta Szymańska, programme director of FOTOFESTIWAL International Festival of Photography in Łódź.

The Grand Prix has been awarded since 2006. In recent years, the Grand Prix went to:
2010 Katrin Trautner, *Morning Love*
2009 Christien Jaspars, *Do*
2008 Eric Vazzoler, *Face me*
2007 Arja Hyytiainen, *Distance-Now*
2006 Andreas Pein, *Wading*, Kai Bornhöft, *True Colours*