

Flash Art Italia Awards 2026: Museion receives the *Premio Istituzione*

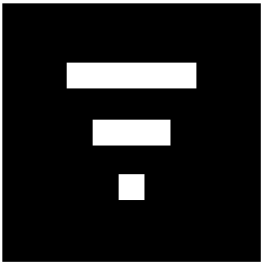


Photo (from left): Cristiano Seganfredo, Marion Piffer Damiani, Pierluigi Sacco.

Bolzano/Bozen, 06.02.2026. Museion – Museum of Modern and Contemporary Art in Bolzano/Bozen has been awarded the *Premio Istituzione* at the *Flash Art Italia Awards 2026*. One of the most significant recognitions for contemporary art in Italy, the award was officially announced on Friday, 6 February 2026, at *Cinema Modernissimo* in Bologna, during the ceremony organised by *Flash Art Italia* in collaboration with *Artefiera*.

The *Premio Istituzione* honours institutions that do more than showcase contemporary art: it recognises those that enable research, accompany artistic processes, and develop new formats with courage, responsibility, and openness to dialogue between art and society. The award confirms Museion's role as a key cultural institution in South Tyrol and as an important actor within the Italian and international art landscape.

The prize was accepted on behalf of the Museion Foundation by its President, Marion Piffer Damiani, during the official ceremony. “*This recognition fills me with great joy, as it acknowledges the committed work of our team and*



museum leadership,” said the President. “My sincere thanks go to everyone who supports this path—our staff, our institutional partners, the Autonomous Province of South Tyrol, and the Museion Private Founders—for their trust and continued support.”

The award highlights Museion’s current vision, reaffirming its role in 2026 as an active platform for exchange and cultural development. In the jury’s statement, Pierluigi Sacco emphasized that *“the awarded institution stands out for its open and experimental programme, which engages in an ongoing dialogue with international scenes while maintaining a strong connection to its local context.”*

Museion sees itself not merely as an exhibition space, but as a place where artistic research and social questions enter into dialogue with diverse social and cultural realities. This approach is evident in long-term research lines such as *The Softest Hard*, in internationally connected exhibition projects, and in the targeted support and networking of the emerging creative sector through the *Museion Art Club* and a wide range of educational and public programmes.

“Museion actively contributes to shaping cultural heritage. Our aim is to connect this heritage with the living fabric of South Tyrol and Italy—not as something fixed or concluded, but as a force that continues to evolve through participation, responsibility, and artistic imagination,” said Bart van der Heide, Director of Museion.

The *Flash Art Italia Award* is among the most important recognitions within the Italian art system. Initiated by *Flash Art* magazine, one of the international reference points for contemporary art criticism since 1967, the award honours institutions that make social and cultural developments visible and actively contribute to shaping the discourse on contemporary art in Italy.

The 2026 award recipients were selected by a distinguished jury composed of Patrizia Sandretto Re Rebaudengo, Enea Righi, Francesco Stocchi, Mariuccia Casadio, Alberto Salvadori, Pierluigi Sacco, and Lorenzo Balbi—leading voices in the Italian art and cultural field.

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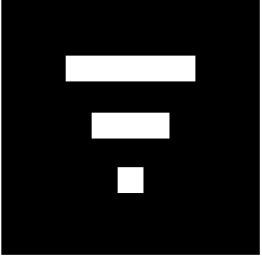
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