

PRESS RELEASE

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SIRI HUSTVEDT, Gabarron International Award for Thought and Humanities 2012

Siri Hustvedt, has been selected for **The Gabarron International Award for Thought and Humanities 2012** according to the jury comprised of: Mr. Yvan Corbat, Cultural Manager and MBA Professor on Cultural Industries and Policies from Madrid Complutense University; **The Honorable Demetrio Madrid López**, First President of the Government of Castilla y León; **Mr. Ignacio Pérez Alonso**, General Director of El Norte de Castilla Spanish newspaper; **Mr. Bieito Rubido Ramonde**, Director of ABC Spanish newspaper; **Ms. Paloma Segrelles de Arenaza**, President of The Youth Board of Club Siglo XXI Spanish Forum; **Mr. Julio Valdeón Blanco**, journalist and writer, who was unanimously chosen to present The Gabarron International Award for Thought and Humanities 2012 to

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“For her tireless investigative work, that has allowed her to integrate with a single voice and highly original ideas of philosophy, neuroscience, psychology or psychoanalysis in her literary, creative and documentary work. The Jury has also wanted to underscore her contribution to the understanding and discovery of Fine Arts, through her many essays and articles.”

The members of the jury have awarded the prize to the American **novelist, poet and essayist**, after having reviewed the 17 candidates from Argentina, Spain, the United States, France, India, England, Italy and Mexico.

“The Gabarron International Award for Thought and Humanities, will be given to that person, group or institution whose intellectual work, creative contribution or commitment to Humanity has exemplified and contributed in an outstanding way to the enrichment of knowledge, or in support of human rights, the brotherhood among peoples, the fight against injustice, the defense of individual liberties and against any form of oppression of persons or peoples”.

In previous editions, this award was received by: **Julián Marías Aguilera**, (2002); **Jean Dausset**, (2003); **Somaly Mam**, (2004); **Raúl Rivero Castañeda**, (2005); **Hugh Thomas**, (2006); **Slavoj Zizek**, (2007); **Alain Touraine**, (2008); **Brother Clemente Serna, Abbot of the Monastery of Santo Domingo de Silos**, (2009); **Rodrigo Borja Cevallos**, (2010); and **Azar Nafisi**, (2011).

The award, an original artwork by **Cristóbal Gabarrón**, the artist after whom the Foundation is named, will be given out this **November 27** at the New York headquarters of The Gabarron Foundation in the United States, throughout the course of the gala where the awards will be assigned to the nine winners in their respective categories, this year in celebration of the Twentieth Anniversary of the establishment of la Fundación Cristóbal Gabarrón.

At this time, the following winners have been selected for the Eleventh Edition:

Joel Shapiro; Gabarron International Award for Visual Arts

Stanley Crouch; Gabarron International Award for Literature

Mikhail Baryshnikov; Gabarron International Award for Performing Arts

George Bisacca; Gabarron International Award for Restoration and Conservation

Siri Hustvedt; Gabarron International Award for Thought and Humanities

You can download more information on the Eleventh Edition of the Awards on our website:

www.gabarron.org/premios

Official website of the award winner: <http://sirihustvedt.net>

Attached Documents:

- Jury Announcement
- Biography of the award winner and resume in English with body of work.
- Image of the award winner: (if using the image, you must credit it.)©MarionEttlinger