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K21 has selected [Tadáskía](#) as the winner of its annual Global Art Award. As part of the award, the Friends of the Kunstsammlung Nordrhein-Westfalen have acquired her site-specific installation, *brincando animada: travesti mariposa centopeia* (animated play: travesti moth centipede, 2025).

Born in Rio de Janeiro, Tadáskía's work spans drawing, painting, sculpture and video to explore themes of transformation, self-perception, familiarity, strangeness and the living narratives of Afro-Transgender-cosmologies. *brincando animada: travesti mariposa centopeia* is composed of three works: a semi-abstract wall drawing, a poem inscribed in German and English and a new series of sculptures made from vegetables, fruits, liquids bamboo and taboa – a reed-like plant traditionally used by Afro-Indigenous communities of Latin America.

'It is a mysterious gift to see my work – born around my mother Elenice, speaking to the plants and the stars, and my father Aguinaldo, who taught me to work with constancy – reaching places beyond my familiarity. I am deeply grateful and honored to receive the recognition of the 3rd K21 Global Art Award. I am so excited to see my drawings playing and coming to life in this other part of the world,' said Tadáskía.

Tadáskía was selected from six artists, including [Sin Wai Kin](#), [Simon Fujiwara](#), Hashel Al Lamki, Celia Hempton and Sallisa Rosa, nominated by an international jury composed of Doryun Chong, Omar Kholeif, Jochen Volz and [the late Koyo Kouoh](#).