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## **FRENCH MIN OF CULTURE RIMA ABDUL MALAK UNVEILED OFFICIAL TITLE OF MASTER OF ART**

**TO EIGHT PROFESSIONALS, 24 JAN 23**

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A selection procedure is organized every three years by INMA. The study of applications is entrusted to a jury chaired by the General Directorate of Artistic Creation of the Ministry of Culture. The professional future of the students and the reflection of the Master of Arts candidates on the transmission process are at the center of the debates. These pairs were chosen by the jury with respect for parity, but also for the representativeness of the territories. This year, five Regions are represented in six artistic professions (Brittany, Ile de France, Normandy, Pays de la Loire, Nouvelle-Aquitaine).

The Minister of Culture congratulates and thanks these eight new Masters of Art who are involved in transmitting to their students the virtuosity of their know-how and entrepreneurial commitment.

"While the law of the instantaneous and the disposable exerts constant pressure on our lives, crafts allow us to reconnect with the values of attention, patience, precise gesture. Unique and durable, the objects born from these expert and passionate hands are objects of tradition as much as objects of the future. I am proud to award eight new titles of Master of Art to exceptional crafts

**THE EIGHT MASTERS OF ART AWARDED THIS YEAR**

- Hand shoemaking: Philippe Atienza, hand shoemaker and his student Laura Puntillo
- Decorative painting: Anne Barkhausen, decorative painter and her student Charlotte Jean-Louis
- Framework-joinery in green and squared wood: Rémy Desmonts, carpenter-joiner and his student Lou Karoui
- Printing – intaglio engraving: Bertrand Dupré, printer-engraver and his student Lucile Vanstaebel
- Floral adornment: Séverina Lartigue, floral adornment and her student Martin Préault
- Enamelling on metals: Marie-Hélène Soyer, enameller on metals and her student Émilie Thibault
- Form maker – hat maker: Sébastien Tessier, form maker-hat maker and his student Yann Marchand
- Mosaic – interior decoration: Sika Viagbo, mosaicist and his student Alix Tramba-Rivat

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