

Press release

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Media Foundation of Sparkasse Leipzig awards „Axel-Eggebrecht-Prize“ 2012 to Friedrich Schütze-Quest Peter Leonhard Braun receives „Axel-Eggebrecht-Honorary-Prize“

Leipzig. In a solemn ceremony on Saturday evening, the Media Foundation of Sparkasse Leipzig honoured Radio Feature author Friedrich Schütze-Quest with the „Axel-Eggebrecht-Prize 2012“ for his lifetime achievement. To the surprise of the guests and the honouree himself, the “nestor of the German Radio Feature” Peter Leonhard Braun was awarded the “Axel-Eggebrecht-Honorary-Prize”. Both prizes have a purse of 10.000 Euro.

In his eulogy, Dr. Peter Klein, head of feature department of the Austrian Broadcasting Corporation (ORF), called Schütze-Quest a “master of the long form”, which can be found both in his form of communication as well as in Germany's most successful feature of the 1970s “Hello world, here is the moon”.

With its features, documentaries and reports, Friedrich Schütze-Quest “became indispensable from the history of the German radio features,” said Klein. “Friedrich Schütze-Quest has never left any doubt that there is a correlation between quality and expenditure,” Klein continued.

“We congratulate Friedrich Schütze-Quest for this well deserved award,” said Stephan Seeger, director of the Foundations of Sparkasse Leipzig. Seeger continued, “We also congratulate the jury for this wise decision,” The jury’s decision to honor him was unanimously. The Foundation honors the lifetime achievement of Schütze-Quest, the world traveler of the German Radio Feature. In 30 years and through 50 radio productions, he almost covered the distance to the moon and back on his mission of “world exploration journalism”.

No important topic in any corner of the world was safe from him. A man possessed, an adventurer, a protozoan of the radio, which has much to thank him. About himself he says, “I am a foreign correspondent who has focused on the feature.”

Honorary Prize of the Media Foundation to Peter Leonhard Braun

After the award ceremony to Friedrich Schütze-Quest, the Media Foundation was still ready for a surprise. Peter Leonhard Braun was awarded the “Axel-Eggebrecht-Honorary-Prize” for his outstanding lifetime achievement, for his contributions to the future of the Radio Feature and for his commitment to the Media Foundation and the media location Leipzig.

„Axel-Eggebrecht-Prize“

Award for the lifetime achievement of a radio feature author

The laureates

2008 : Helmut Kopetzky (Germany)

2010 : Richard Goll (Austria)
Alfred Treiber (Austria)

2012: Friedrich Schütze-Quest
(Germany)

Honorary Prize:

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"The Axel-Eggebrecht-Prize biennial awards the excellence of its laureates from the genre of the Radio Feature," said Stephan Seeger. "If Peter Leonhard Braun would not have been the chairman of the jury, he would have received the award long ago. A feature award without a laureate Braun - that would be like the Nobel Prize in Literature without Thomas Mann or as Leipzig without Bach."

Therefore, the Media Foundation of Sparkasse Leipzig has determined to honor Peter Leonhard Braun with the "Axel-Eggebrecht-Honorary-Prize." The "Axel-Eggebrecht-Honorary-Prize" is unique and will remain unique. With the exclusivity of the prize, the outstanding work of Braun is emphasized. The prize was awarded in agreement with the jury of the "Axel-Eggebrecht-Prize." This agreement between the jury and Media Foundation as sponsor of the prize was made without the knowledge or participation of jury chairman Peter Leonhard Braun.

Professor Richard Goll, "Axel-Eggebrecht-Prize" laureate 2010, gathered quotes of feature authorities from around the world for the eulogy on Braun. Gregory Whitehead (USA) calls Braun a "...defender and embodiment of standards that were set so high that they are both intimidating as well as fascinating."

After Helmut Kopetzky (laureate 2008) and the duo of authors Richard Goll and Alfred Treiber (laureates 2010), the "Axel-Eggebrecht-Award" has been awarded for the third time in this year.

Pictures of the laureates and the event can be found at:
http://www.leipziger-medienstiftung.de/?page_id=4049 .

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