

Armenia Wins Venice Biennale 2015 Golden Lion Award

VENICE (A.W.)—Armenia's national pavilion won the Venice Biennale 2015 Golden Lion award for Best National Participation on May 9. The pavilion, entitled "Armenity," is dedicated to the Centennial of the Armenian Genocide and curated by renowned international curator Adelina Cuberyan von Furstenberg.



Pavillion curator Adelina Cuberyan von Furstenberg accepts the award on behalf of Armenia (photo: armenity.net)

Armenia's pavilion at the 56th Venice Biennale "provided an occasion to rethink the notion of Armenianness and broaden this reflection to the concepts of identity type and memory, justice and reconciliation, in the name of which many contemporary struggles are still taking place," according to the official website of "Armenity."

The pavilion, which features several artists from the Armenian Diaspora, opened on May 6 and will run through October 18 at the Mekhitarist Monastery on the Island of San Lazzaro in Venice, a site of great historical significance to Armenians.

The Venice Biennale was founded in 1895 and it is considered one of the most prestigious cultural organizations in the world. The major contemporary art exhibition takes place every two years.