

Statutes of the Foundation “wissensART”

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Preamble

Art is closely tied to human thought. We know that beauty lies not only in the eye of the beholder, but also in the mind. For it is our response to an aesthetic stimulus that determines whether we experience a sense of wellbeing or not. Art can make us resilient, and can help prevent and treat certain diseases. In this respect, working with art can help improve individual as well as community health.

The foundation “wissensART” is dedicated to promoting art, young and talented artists and scientists, as well as the synergies that arise therefrom. The foundation is endowed by Marita Brinkmann out of her inheritance from Herman Josef Jansen, born October 11, 1959, who died of a brain tumor on June 13, 2018.

Individuals, businesses and organizations committed to the cause of the wissensART foundation will have the opportunity to become visibly involved, and on an ongoing basis. The foundation shall be structured and expanded as a community body and may receive public and private patronage if and when in line with the foundation’s stated goals.

§1 Name, Legal Form, Registered Office, Business Year

- (1) The foundation bears the name “Stiftung wissensART”.
- (2) It has legal personality under the civil code and is seated in Berlin.
- (3) It was recognized by Berlin’s foundation supervisory authority in April, 2020.
- (4) The business year is the calendar year.
- (5) If and when these statutes use functional titles, these apply equally to all genders.

§ 2 Purpose

- (1) The purpose of this foundation is to promote art and culture, as well as public health and wellbeing, also with respect to their synergetic effects in science, research and education, including the promotion of civic engagement in support of aforementioned tax-privileged purposes, either directly through its own projects, or indirectly through the procurement and redirection of funds for the realization of these tax-privileged purposes executed by a different tax-privileged entity or public body.
- (2) The foundation’s purpose can be realized, for example, with the following measures:
 - a. Implementing art and culture projects, as well as providing financial support for tax-privileged support facilities;
 - b. Awarding educational and exhibition scholarships to young artists in the fine arts, fashion and design;

- c. Providing young artists with studio space;
 - d. Holding school events such as workshops or visits to the studios, presentations or performances of established artists, in order to heighten young peoples' understanding of the artistic process, or to discuss topics outlined in these statutes;
 - e. Offering and presenting a culture award;
 - f. Developing and fostering creative-artistic services, for example, aimed at facilitating rehabilitation and overcoming grief, designed for individuals marked by a serious disease or disability, or who have suffered personal loss;
 - g. Motivating and enabling people impaired by serious illnesses or disabilities, as well as their families, to visit art and cultural institutions;
 - h. Awarding doctoral scholarships, particularly in the field of brain research;
 - i. Raising awareness for the foundation's objectives, and encouraging citizens, businesses and private organizations to support the foundation with endowments, donations and contributions.
- (3) In order to fulfill its stated purpose, the foundation need not be involved in all tax-privileged modes of support outlined in subparagraph (1) simultaneously or in equal measure. The foundation is free to choose which of its objectives it fulfills with which measures. This does not affect its ability to dedicate funds intended for fulfilling its statute purposes to a different tax-privileged entity for its use as per Section 58 (2) of the German fiscal code (Abgabenordnung, AO).
- (4) The results of its pursuits in science and research will be made publicly accessible in a timely and appropriate manner. Events held by the foundation are generally open to the public. Scholarships and advancement awards will be awarded based on publicly available guidelines.
- (5) The foundation may cooperate with tax-privileged organizations with similar objectives if and when this serves the pursuit of its stated purposes.
- (6) In the event that the foundation extends international support, its activities abroad will remain structurally relevant to the realization of its domestic tax-privileged goals as per Section 51 (2) AO.

§ 3 Tax Privilege

- (1) The foundation serves directly and exclusively charitable purposes as per the chapter "Tax-privileged purposes" of the German fiscal code (AO).
- (2) The foundation is non-profit; it does not primarily pursue its own economic interests.
- (3) The foundation's funds may only be used for the purposes declared in these statutes. No person may benefit from expenses foreign to the foundation's purposes, nor from disproportionately high compensation. The founder and her heirs receive no contributions from the foundation's funds in this capacity.

- (4) The foundation fulfills its tasks independently, or through an aide as described in Section 57 (1) of the fiscal code so long as it does not procure funds in a manner set out by Section 58 (1) of the fiscal code.