

Department of English student Eva-Maria Dütsch wins 29. *open mike – Wettbewerb für junge Literatur*



The Department of English is happy to announce that Eva-Maria Dütsch, who is currently completing her MA in English Literature at the University of Bern, won this year's *open mike – Wettbewerb für junge Literatur* in the prose category. The competition is the most important of its kind for literature in German and, since its inception in 1993, has been central in establishing emerging writers in the literary landscape.

The event was hosted by the *Haus für Poesie* and took place over the weekend of 13th and 14th November in the Heimathafen Neukölln in Berlin. This year's jury was composed of writers Olga Martynova, Anja Utler, and David Wagner. Praising Eva-Maria Dütsch's text, "Urin und Blütenhonig", for its poetic voice and its lyrical use of nature imagery in describing the breakdown of an older woman, the jury awarded it one of three prizes, each endowed with €2500.

The text was published by Allitera in this year's *open mike* anthology, available here: <https://www.allitera-verlag.de/buch/29-open-mike/>.

The official press statement from the *Haus für Poesie* can be accessed under the following link: www.haus-fuer-poesie.org/de/presse/pressemitteilungen/eva-maria-duetsch-samuel-j-kramer-kathrin-vieregg-und-laura-anton-gewinnen-den-29-open-mike