

KNIFE AWARD 2024

TRADITION_2.0



The **KNIFE AWARD** of Deutsches Klingenmuseum (the German Blade Museum) is awarded annually for an outstanding, handmade knife.

It is endowed with a prize money of **2.000 EUR** by Stiftung Freunde des Deutschen Klingenmuseums (Foundation Friends of Deutsches Klingenmuseum).

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For the first time in 2024, an audience award will be given (see page 4). It is also endowed with **2.000 EUR**, donated by Knife Lounge.



The award ceremony will be held at KNIFE, the Solingen Blade Fair.

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MOTTO 2024 TRADITION_2.0

2024 is a four-fold anniversary year for Deutsches Klingenmuseum, the German Blade Museum: We will celebrate 650 years of the city of Solingen, 120 years of collection history, 70 years of the German Blade Museum and 70 years of the Friends of the German Blade Museum.

A year in which we look both back on long traditions, and at into an exciting future.

The KNIFE Award 2024 reflects this topic:

Under the motto “Tradition_2.0“, we are looking for handmade knives or daggers that are a new interpretation of traditional or historical knife types: fresh perspectives with the most modern materials, manufacturing methods, or functions.



Stone-age bifaces inspired Michael Schneider's table knife design from 1991 for the Mono company.



TO BE SUBMITTED

1. knife or dagger, fixed or folder
2. Brief description of materials used
3. Short description on which traditional or historic type the knife is based
4. Complete contact details incl. e-mail address
5. A sheath is optional, but may tip the scales in the event of a tie

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CONDITIONS OF PARTICIPATION & SUBMISSION

REQUIREMENTS

- Entry's type and materials: left to your own choice
- Total length: **max. 40 cm**
- All parts of the knife (including optional sheath) must be handmade by a single person. **Cooperations are not allowed.** Pattern welded steel, if used, may not be purchased, but must be made by the maker.

SUBMISSION TO

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OPEN PARTICIPATION

The participation in the KNIFE Award is open to all interested makers. Participation in KNIFE, the Solingen Blade Fair, or membership in a knifemakers' association are not a requirement for participation.

CLOSING DATE

**Entries must be received by
February 29, 2024**

Any piece received after this date will not be eligible for the competition.

ENTRIES FROM NON-EU COUNTRIES

Please clarify the customs law conditions before sending in your entry and make sure that the knife will not be subject to post-customs clearance. Participation of entries detained by customs cannot be guaranteed.

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CRITERIA

The entries will be judged by a panel of four experts, based on the following criteria:

- Quality of craftsmanship
- Design
- Originality and coherence in the realisation of the basic idea

JURY

The winner of the competition will be announced before KNIFE 2024.

The award ceremony will take place at KNIFE, on **12 May 2024**.

AWARD CEREMONY

2.000 EUR, awarded by Stiftung Freunde des Deutschen Klingensmuseums (Foundation Friends of Deutschen Klingensmuseum). In addition, the winner will receive a free exhibition table at KNIFE 2025 (following year), if desired.

AUDIENCE AWARD

Additionally, an audience award will be given. It is sponsored by **Knife Lounge**, which endowed it with a prize money of another **2.000 EUR**.

Visitors of KNIFE can vote at the show for their favourite competition entry. The winner of the audience award will be announced **Sunday, 12 May 2024**.



PRESENTATION

The submitted entries will be exhibited at KNIFE 2024, and will be sent back after the event. Alternatively, they can be collected in person after the award ceremony.

The winning entry for the KNIFE Award will be exhibited at the Deutsches Klingensmuseum after KNIFE 2024 until St. Martin's Day (11 November), and returned afterwards.

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