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Jan Tschichold Award 2013

Each year the jury bestows, independently of the books submitted for the competition, the Jan Tschichold Award in memory of the typographer Jan Tschichold, on whose initiative the Swiss book design competition was launched in 1944. The Federal Department of Home Affairs entrusted the jury in 1997 with the task of annually awarding this honour to an individual, a group or an institution for outstanding book design achievement. This year, the Jan Tschichold Award, which is endowed with 15,000 Swiss francs, is awarded to the graphic designer, publisher and graphic design professor Urs Lehni.

Urs Lehni (*1974 in Lucerne)

Urs Lehni graduated from the Lucerne University of Applied Sciences and Arts with a diploma in graphic design in 1999 and in 2006 attended the post academic research program at the Jan van Eyck Academie in Maastricht. He runs the small graphic design studio Lehni-Trueb with partner Lex Trueb which was founded in 2005. Besides working for clients mainly in the field of art and culture, he often follows self-initiated projects, such as www.vectorama.org (with Jürg Lehni and Rafael Koch, 2000), Our Magazine (with Melanie Hofmann and Nick Widmer, 2002) and more recently the printing and publishing venture Rollo Press (2008). In 2008 Urs Lehni co-initiated Corner College, a non-commercial project space focusing on pseudo-academic happenings such as lectures, presentations, workshops and movie screenings. Urs Lehni is a Professor at the University of Arts and Design Karlsruhe, Germany.