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The 2016 Bob Stocksdale International Excellence in Wood Award: Jakob Weissflog



Philadelphia, PA: The Center for Art in Wood celebrates the first year of The Bob Stocksdale International Excellence in Wood Award. Supported by an anonymous donor, this \$1,000 award will be presented annually to an emerging or mid-career artist whose work, like Stocksdale's, unites quality of craftsmanship and respect for materials. An exhibition of the artist's work will be presented with *Wood, Revisited*. The inaugural honoree is Jakob Weissflog, Germany.

Jakob Weissflog is an emerging artist whose work is quickly gaining international recognition. As a suggestion to earn pocket money, Jakob began turning at the early age of eleven under the direction of his father Hans Weissflog who's own work is found in major collections all over the world. Over the last ten years, Jakob has completed his apprenticeship and studied under other well-known turners. He has developed his own style creating handheld boxes using strong geometric shapes and contrasting woods such as African black wood and masur birch. The father son duo travel teaching and demonstrating their unrivaled skills at symposiums worldwide.

The Center for Art in Wood is honored to have Jakob Weissflog as the first recipient of The Bob Stocksdale International Excellence in Wood Award. Jakob's work will be on display at the Center and available for sale November 12, 2016 – April 8, 2017. The exhibition can also be viewed on our website at: <https://centerforartinwood.org/exhibition/jakob-weissflog/> to view the video created by John Thornton about Jakob Weissflog go to: <https://youtu.be/RRrBCCIAyBY>