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# Nominees of the unique youngstar competition: Highest level of quality and quantity

Record participation in the young designer award: 81 applications from 18 countries were submitted to the expert jury of spoga+gafa (3 to 5 September 2017) for the unique youngstar 2017. 15 of the best ideas on the theme 'Outdoor Living' have now been nominated for this year's final. The nomination guarantees that attention is attracted to the participating young creative designers. The prototypes will be presented to the trade audience in the garden unique Bistro (Hall 10.2) during the largest garden trade fair in the world. Furthermore, a public vote will be held on the homepage of garden unique. The winners of the unique youngstar will be distinguished at 4:00 p.m. in the garden unique Bistro on the first day of the trade fair, 3 September 2017. Prize-money to the total value of Euro 7,000 (1st to 3rd place and the public prize) will be awarded.

As a fixed component of spoga+gafa, the unique youngstar will be offering creativity and inspiration in the 'Outdoor Living' section for the fifth time already. The constantly growing interest underlines the fact that the competition has established itself within the industry and that it is an excellent networking platform: There was a record number of applicants this year. The quality of the submitted products is excellent. The participating young designers come from leading colleges such as Cranbrook Academy of Art, USA or Design Academy Eindhoven, Netherlands. This makes it even more difficult for the jury to select the nominees based on the critera, the overall concept, the originality of the design, the conceptual and visionary quality, the functionality and the quality of presentation. However, ultimately they had to come to a decision.

## The following were nominated for the unique youngstar 2017

- Jessica Bizzoni ,Rain Flower Walk', Italy
- Jessica Bruni ,Pflanzen Talje', Germany
- Gal Bulka und Idan Noyberg ,lightly', Israel
- Nina Eberhard, Simon Frambach und Fabian Kolpack ,SOLO', Germany
- Juliane Fuchs ,sliced lamp', Germany
- Christian Heikoop ,Concave', USA
- Moritz Jähde und Grischa Erbe ,Gartenfackel Seewald', Germany
- Philipp Möbius ,Merula', Germany
- Maria Ovchinnikov ,Rotate', Russia
- Samuel Shoham ,digger', Israel
- Pieter Städler ,Städler Made Outdoor Oven', Netherlands
- Gregor Stober, Philippsburg und Johannes Bauer ,rolling table', Germany



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- Lukas Unertl ,Bochum', Germany
- Chris Walter und Amélie Ika ,Sitzend stehend Leute', Germany

All information on the nominees is available under the following link. This link will take you to the voting for the public prize: Interested parties can vote for their favourites up until 25.08.2017 <a href="https://www.gardenunique.de/youngstar/en">www.gardenunique.de/youngstar/en</a>.

The spoga+gafa 2017 is open to trade visitors on 3 and 4 September from 09:00 a.m. to 06:00 p.m. and on 5 September from 09:00 a.m. to 05:00 p.m. Further information is available at <a href="https://www.spogagafa.com">www.spogagafa.com</a>.

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