

## The Epica Awards introduces an Al Juror to its panel of industry, mainstream and trade journalists

The Epica Awards, a leading advertising and marketing creative award, embarks on an industry first involving AI in the creative commentary process

NEW YORK, NY, US, June 26, 2023 /EINPresswire.com/ -- The Epica Awards has announced an industry first: an AI awards juror.

Established in 1987, Epica Awards is unique in the field of advertising

competitions, as it is the only creative industry prize awarded by the press. Today the jury brings together more than 200 chief editors and senior reporters from trade, specialist and mainstream titles in over 60 countries.





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It's the first time in over 35 years that a non-journalist has been invited to vote on Epica Awards entries, which are judged exclusively by the press.

The AIJE – or AI Jury Experiment – will take place on the margins of this year's Epica Awards. The results will not

count towards the official prizes. The AI will be asked to make its judgements based on text: the summary of the creative idea that agencies are required to include alongside their entries.

This means that only the idea itself can be judged, not its execution. In this initial phase, the AI will restrict its focus to categories encompassing technique and digital mediums. The AI will be tasked with assessing each idea in relation to others within its designated category. The AI's

assessments, performed over multiple iterations, are then averaged, ensuring a more robust and reliable evaluation of each concept's creative value.

The Epica Awards will publish the results alongside its official list of winners on December 8 2023.

Operations director Nicolas Huvé, who is behind the initiative, said: "Al is poised to revolutionize creativity, and as a creative award organization, we simply couldn't turn a blind eye. After months of testing, we're confident that we now have a functional protocol, albeit for research purposes. Our experimental Al juror is not part of our main jury and we have no plans to replace our esteemed journalists. But it will be fascinating to see if the results have anything in common."

Epica Awards editorial director Mark Tungate said: "Our press jury is keen to document topical events, and AI is the story of the moment. So it made sense for us to join the conversation. Epica has a history of innovation – we were the first creative awards show to launch a Use of AI category, for example. This experiment will be intriguing and fun. However, we believe humans are the best-placed to judge human creativity."

The Epica Awards are open for entries from July 1st to October 6th.

More information at epica-awards.com

## About The Epica Awards

Epica is a marquee brand within the Maydream family, which includes <u>AdForum</u> - the leading search and insights resource for marketers; the Creative Library - a unique archive of award-winning advertising covering 20 years; AdForum Summit - a highly customized event for search consultants to meet with ad agencies.

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