## ANNOUNCEMENT FROM THE SESSION OF JURY FOR THE CONSTRUCTION OF THE MEMORIAL

## TO STEFAN NEMANJA

The jury for the construction of the memorial to Stefan Nemanja, chaired by Secretary General of the President of the Republic of Serbia, Nikola Selaković, held a session where they made a decision on which sculptors will be invited directly to participate in the competition for the monument to Stefan Nemanja. Calls were sent to the Russian sculptor prof. Aleksandr Rukavishnikov, a Chinese sculptor and director of the National Museum of China Wu Weishan, an Italian sculptor Roberto Barni and a Slovenian sculptor Mirsad Begić.

According to the Decision on Call for competition for the construction of the memorial to Stefan Nemanja, the contest is open and a call, which means that all sculptors can take part in it, but also that the jury has the right to invite at least three sculptors who would directly participate. The sculptors who receive the call are provided with a compensation of five thousand euro in dinar counter value, which will be deducted from the award if they are among three best works. The first work will be awarded with six million dinars, second-placed with three million and third-placed with one million dinars. The competition which was announced by the City of Belgrade on September 27th, is two-stage, which means that on December 7th six works will be selected to be short-listed, so that on March 15th, 2018 the jury will make the final decision.

In addition to the chairperson Nikola Selaković, the jury members are: academician Svetomir Basara sculptor, Emir Kusturica director, professor Miodrag Živković sculptor, academician Vladimir Velicković painter, Nebojša Djuranović painter, PhD Sima Avramović, Dean of the Faculty of Law, University of Belgrade, Milutin Folić, architect of the City of Belgrade, Goran Vesić, City Manager of the City of Belgrade.

The president of the jury, Nikola Selaković, said that he expects the great interest of the local artists for this competition, which is of national significance for our country and that he is satisfied with the selection of the foreign artists to be invited.

"When choosing foreign sculptors, we were guided by their previous achievemnts in art. These are sculptors who are internationally recognized and whose works are exhibited in galleries and cities around the world."- said Selaković.

At the meeting, the jury also adopted certain changes to the competition documentation, which were included in the tender text. Tender documentation is available for download at the web portal of the City Administration of Belgrade - Secretariat for Culture <a href="https://www.beograd.rs">www.beograd.rs</a> and the website of the Association of Architects of Serbia <a href="https://www.u-a-s.rs">www.u-a-s.rs</a>.