

BERLIN ART WEEK 15—19 SEP 2021

Jubilee Edition of Berlin Art Week Closes with Tens of Thousands of Visitors—New Outreach Programme ›Explore Berlin Art Week‹ Enthusiastically Received

Over 50 partners participated in this year's tenth Berlin Art Week, including nineteen art institutions, and museums, ten private collections, ten award-winning project spaces, and numerous galleries that held openings as part of Gallery Weekend *Discoveries.

Berlin, 20 SEP 2021. A special highlight of this year's art week was the outreach programme ›Explore Berlin Art Week‹, held for the first time with expanded tour offerings and BAW Garten. This new meeting spot was designed jointly with the artist Sol Calero on the grounds of Kindl—Zentrum für zeitgenössische Kunst and provided visitors with a wide range of offerings: workshops, performances, artist conversations, and other chances to get involved—all open air and free admission. Rooted in the Neukölln neighbourhood Rollbergkiez, the meeting point was enthusiastically received by residents, art lovers, and those new to the art world.

›Bringing together the key players of the Berlin art world in this second year of the pandemic and enabling access to art for all visitors was our declared goal‹, according to Simone Leimbach, director of exhibitions and events at Kulturprojekte Berlin GmbH, responsible for Berlin Art Week. ›We are very pleased that this has been such a great success once again, especially with the new programme ›Explore Berlin Art Week‹. In this jubilee year, Berlin Art Week has shown once again how important strong partnerships are and how enriching it is to experience art again directly on site‹, Leimbach continued.

Major names and up-and-coming artists, established art institutions, alternative project spaces, private collections, and galleries all came together for the tenth time under the auspices of Berlin Art Week and jointly held an extensive programme. Highlights included solo shows—Alicja Kwade, Thea Djordjadze, Alexandra Bircken, Tatjana Doll and Clemens Krauss—and group shows at the Akademie der Künste or the Times Art Center Berlin. In addition, numerous prizes were awarded to young artists: at Hamburger Bahnhof—Museum für Gegenwart—Berlin the exhibition for those nominated for the Preis der Nationalgalerie, PalaisPopulaire presented the ›Artists of the Year‹-award and Brücke-Museum opened the exhibition of this year's winners of the ›ars viva 2022‹ art award.

KW Institute for Contemporary Art celebrated the thirtieth anniversary of its founding with a festival weekend featuring a two-day event and performance programme, with live music, workshops, and tours. The openings on Friday during Gallery Weekend *Discoveries with 50

galleries along with the gallery openings at the Berlin galleries participating in the art fair Positions Berlin, which was held the previous week, constituted a further highlight. In addition, numerous Berlin private collections with special opening hours offered exclusive insights into their collections and ten prize-winners of the Project Space Award were honoured for their work during Berlin Art Week, along with the Berlin gallery alexander levy, winner of this year's VBKI-Preis Berliner Galerien.

The eleventh edition of Berlin Art Week will be held from 14—18 SEP 2022.

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