

BERLIN ART WEEK 13—17 SEP 2023

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BAW Featured—Selection Committee Announces Programme for Berlin Art Week 2023

For the twelfth Berlin Art Week, a selection of twelve special projects will enrich the festival programme.

Last week, our four-member selection committee— Krist Gruijthuisen, Catherine Nichols, Mona Stehle, and María Inés Plaza Lazo—chose twelve projects from 90 submissions to be presented as part of the new ›BAW Featured‹ for this year's Berlin Art Week. For the first time, special projects have been able to acquire a place on the festival programme.

The selection underscores the quality and diversity of the city's art world and will enrich Berlin Art Week 2023 with various institutions, art forms, subjects, and perspectives. At Moabit's **Trauma Bar und Kino**, Sally von Rosen and Hieronymus Bosch will come together in a dialogue between club culture and art, while the non-profit centre for contemporary art **CCA Berlin** in Schöneberg will be transformed by artist-in-residence Jota Mombaça, and **Between Bridges**, a project space initiated by Wolfgang Tillmans, will present the Rumanian artist Ioana Nemeş. At the newly opened **Spore Initiative** in Neukölln, processually based group presentations will constantly develop, while Kühlhaus Berlin presents The Fairest, an alternative model for an art fair, and Fotografiska Berlin in Mitte opens its doors for the first time with Candice Breitz and Juliana Huxtable. Berlin Atonal will be expanding its music program with site-specific artistic installations at Kraftwerk Berlin and André Vida will take the breath away from a music instrument for Yellow Solo at R50. At Kino Babylon, Videoart at Midnight will show the filmic work of Bani Abidi on the big **screen** and Slavs and Tatars will present a transforming performance in a state of constant repetition at Moabit's Pickle Bar with Filipka Rutkowska. At Monopol Berlin in Reinickendorf, transformation will also be a central element: artists including Philippe Parreno and Jenna Sutela will explore the history of the location at the former distillery, while artist-run BPA//Raum will hold readings and present works by Hasan Aksaygin and Virgil B/G Taylor, thus promoting the exchange between emerging and established artists.

Berlin Art Week is the largest joint event of important institutions in the contemporary art world in Berlin. This year's Berlin Art Week will take place from 13—17 SEP 2023.

Statement Selection Committee

»Berlin Art Week is a vibrant celebration of the ever-developing, diverse artistic landscape of Berlin. This energy, this vitality are reflected across the over 90 applications we had the honor to review for the 2023 edition of BAW Featured. To mark the twelfth anniversary of this great moment of the year, we have selected twelve compelling projects. Together these convey a palpable sense of the scope of artistic exchanges, exhibitions and exploration for which Berlin has come to be known.

The twelve projects cover different formats of mostly financially self-sustained practices: an alternative model for an art fair, privately funded institutions, collectively dwelled spaces. These all challenge the city, both in its will to prevail as the mirror of a culturally progressive and liberal society, and in its struggle to find coherence both ideologically and economically speaking.

These projects were selected based on their artistic quality, the cartography they build of Berlin, and their relevance to the topos of the Berlin Art Week. Additionally, their unique approaches and contributions to the festival week's programming were considered. By combining various art forms, themes, and perspectives, these projects will enrich the Berlin Art Week experience and leave a lasting impact on visitors and participants alike.«

Krist Gruijthuijsen, Director KW Institute for Contemporary Art
Catherine Nichols, Curator Hamburger Bahnhof – Nationalgalerie der Gegenwart
Mona Stehle, Head of Programme Berlin Art Week
María Inés Plaza Lazo, Founder & Publisher Arts of the Working Class

BAW Featured— Selection in alphabetical order

Berlin Atonal at Kraftwerk Berlin
Between Bridges
BPA// Raum
CCA Berlin—Center for Contemporary Art
Fotografiska Berlin
Monopol-Berlin
Pickle Bar
Spore Initiative
The Fairest at Kühlhaus Berlin
Trauma Bar und Kino
Videoart at Midnight
Yellow Solo at R50

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