

BERLIN ART WEEK 11—15 SEP 2024

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Berlin Art Week 2024: The capital becomes a stage for contemporary art from Wednesday

Berlin Art Week 2024 kicks off on 11 September. With over 300 events, including more than 70 exhibition openings, the 13th edition of the festival week will once again transform the capital into a vibrant stage for contemporary art. From international greats to emerging Berlin talents, the latest developments in contemporary art will be on display in more than 100 renowned museums and exhibition spaces, private collections, project spaces, a fair, and numerous galleries throughout the city.

This year, the festival's main gathering place, ›BAW Garten‹, is being hosted by Gropius Bau. Throughout the week, visitors are invited to enjoy a diverse programme of free outdoor events. There will be talks on sustainability in exhibition practice with Elke Buhr and the Gallery Climate Coalition, discussions on the exodus of Berlin's cultural workers with Gudrun Gut, conversations on art and crime with Christoph Amend and Peter Raue, food demonstrations by Rirkrit Tiravanija and Berlin's famous ›Thaipark‹, children's workshops on space and mythical creatures, evening DJ sets—there is something for everyone. A temporary art installation curated by ›Something Fantastic‹ will reflect on processes of change in urban space in a post-automobile future and serve as a stage for various BAW Garden programmes.

Joe Chialo, Senator for Culture and Social Cohesion, remarked: ›Berlin Art Week is the lodestar of the Berlin art calendar. This year, over 100 partners will come together to show the current state of international art: from galleries, museums, and associations, to select venues and exciting special formats. It is this wonderful diversity of the art scene that makes Berlin one of the most important, diverse, exciting art metropolises in the world—and it will once again light the way for us from 11 September.‹

A wide range of national and international artists are set to represent Berlin's diverse art scene during this year's Berlin Art Week. From Mariechen Danz at Berlinische Galerie to Samuel Fosso at Kindl—Centre for Contemporary Art, Sigmar Polke at Schinkel Pavillon and Candida Höfer at the Akademie der Künste, to Gisèle Vienne at Haus am Waldsee, the Georg Kolbe Museum, and the Sophiensaele, there are plenty of intriguing exhibitions to explore.

Fascinating group exhibitions will address some of the most important issues of our time: from the political upheavals in Berlin in the 1990s at C/O Berlin, to questions of home in pluralistic societies with migration histories and varying political perspectives, to concepts of ecosystem conservation at nGbK. The art market will also shine during Berlin Art Week, with the Positions Berlin Art Fair, the BKI-Preis Berliner Galerien, and a Gallery Night hosted by Gallery Weekend Berlin.

Franziska Giffey, Senator for Economics, Energy and Public Enterprises underscored the importance of the festival to the arts and creative industries: ›Berlin rightfully has a reputation as an international art metropolis. Berlin Art Week contributes to this reputation in an impressive way—above all through the wide range and unique mix of events with museums, private collections, project spaces, independent projects and a large number of galleries. For the Berlin art market, Berlin Art Week is a fixed date in the calendar with events that are largely financed by the Senate Department for Economics, Energy and Public Enterprises: the POSITIONS Berlin Art Fair

or the awarding of the VBKI Berlin Galleries Award. My thanks go to all the artists and companies who take part in Berlin Art Week and make it unique.«

The »BAW Featured« section allowed special projects to apply for a place in the festival programme as well. From over 150 submissions, a four-person selection committee consisting of Emma Enderby, Nele Heinevetter, Christian Kaspar Schwarm, and Mona Stehle selected twelve special projects and eight project spaces and –initiatives. These selected partners, ranging from collectives working in shared spaces to a nomadic project space in an abandoned department store, will enrich Berlin Art Week 2024.

This is the second edition of Berlin Art Week made possible with the support of Berliner Volksbank eG as a major source of funding. »2024 marks the second year that Berliner Volksbank has supported Berlin Art Week as its main sponsor. And we are very excited about it because our commitment to the region and art go hand in hand. Both are truly matters of the heart for us— Berlin Art Week and Berliner Volksbank: it's a match,« **says Carsten Jung, CEO of Berliner Volksbank.**

About Berlin Art Week: Berlin Art Week is an annual art festival that celebrates the capital's diverse art scene. As the largest coalition of key players in contemporary art in Berlin, the festival offers a diverse programme across the city with over 100 partners, including museums, exhibition spaces, fairs, private collections, project spaces, and numerous galleries.

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