

BERLIN ART WEEK 11—15 SEP 2024

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Berlin Art Week 2024—With more than 130,000 visitors, the 13th edition of the festival week comes to a successful end

Berlin Art Week 2024 ends this evening. From Wednesday to Sunday, the capital was transformed into a vibrant festival for contemporary art with more than 100 partners and over 300 events.

Kulturprojekte Berlin looks back on a successful 13th edition of the festival week. »The Berlin Art Week is a unique collaboration of the most diverse institutions in the Berlin art world—we are thrilled by the commitment and passion with which the partners, artists, and curators have once again filled the festival week with life. Thanks to these efforts, it was possible to create five days of different perspectives on contemporary art and, for more than 130,000 visitors, Berliners, and guests from Germany and abroad, to experience Berlin's diverse art scene. The ›BAW Garten‹, this year a guest at Gropius Bau, became the festival centre and heart of Berlin Art Week with a daily changing programme,« says Simone Leimbach, Head of Exhibitions and Events at Kulturprojekte Berlin.

At the festival centre ›BAW Garten‹ visitors started their days with D'Frac's dance sessions, ate and discussed during ›Cooking Demonstrations by Berlin's famous ›Thaipark‹, listened to talks on topics such as sustainability or ended their evenings with open-air cinema by Videoart at Midnight or to the sounds of Berlin-based DJs curated by HAU Hebbel am Ufer. A temporary artistic installation by Something Fantastic placed the topic of urban development at the forefront of the festival centre and created stages for the various programmes at BAW Garten. Meanwhile, Director Jenny Schlenzka opened her autumn programme with exhibitions by Rirkrit Tiravanija and Kerstin Brätsch, transforming the Gropius Bau into a space for encounters, creative exchange, and artistic interventions.

In addition to the festival centre, from Wednesday to Sunday, institutions from Berlin's contemporary art scene presented an exceptional festival programme across the city. »This year's Berlin Art Week has once again shown how impressive and multifaceted the Berlin art scene is. We are delighted that, together with our partners, we were able to present a programme that made established artistic positions just as visible as new voices. In addition to numerous exhibition openings, special programmes with performances, parties, and new gallery and collector formats made Berlin Art Week a unique festival week,« says Mona Stehle, Artistic Director of Berlin Art Week.

For the first time, visitors of this year's Berlin Art Week were able to visit the private spaces of collectors Anahita Sadighi, Alexandra Hackelsberger, Hamid Sadighi Neiriz, and others. The twelve special projects and eight project spaces and initiatives in this year's ›BAW Featured‹ section also took visitors to new and undiscovered places: visitors of Spoiler at Cank entered an abandoned department store, celebrated the reopening of ZK/U—Center for Art and Urbanistics, and helped to reactivate the Spree canal at an auction organised by Fluss Bad Berlin.

Numerous award ceremonies further honoured outstanding artists, including Candida Höfer (Akademie der Künste, Käthe Kollwitz Prize), Mariechen Danz (Berlinische Galerie, Gasag Art Prize), Rohini Devasher (PalaisPopulaire, Artist of the Year), and Laura Huertas Millán and Sarker

Protick (C/O Berlin, After Nature. Ulrike Crespo Photography Prize). This year's VBKI Award Berlin Galleries was awarded to gallery Anton Janizewksi.

Berlin Art Week 2024 takes positive stock and is already looking forward to the next year. **The 14th edition of Berlin Art Week will take place from 10—14 SEP 2025.**

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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