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Press information

artspring Art Festival 2023 – HELL

The artspring berlin Festival - Art Spring in Pankow's Art Scene.

The seventh edition of the *artspring berlin Festival* is presenting Art Spring Pankow from 5th May until 4th June 2023 with numerous exhibitions and events involving over 300 artists. The unique and artistically dense districts of Prenzlauer Berg, Weißensee and Pankow offer an experience via many unusual places where they invite you to rediscover the districts from a creative perspective. Presentations amongst the urban landscape make art part of an everyday occurrence that merges with the life on the street, bringing art to the passers-by. With a programme that includes all genres of the visual arts as well as film and literature, the festival represents a diverse range of artistic production in the district.

artspring emerged from artists' initiative and continues to be conceived and implemented entirely under the umbrella of a team of artists. This year's title, "HELL" establishes the common thread for the programme, which generates a thematic balancing act between the opposing meanings of the word. Addressing the role and possibilities of art in crisis-ridden times are questioned and set alongside the increasing brightness of spring.

The focal points of the art festival reflect the diversity involved with the various event formats and the multi-faceted artistic approaches within the programme. The festival kicks off with a daylong symposium, titled, "**Heller Streif am Horizont**" (Bright Light on the Horizon), which focuses on the topic of funding for artists. A platform for exchange and knowledge transfer, it hopes to bring light into the darkness of the funding jungle.

With **artwalk 23** the festival offers a wide-ranging track in the city space, that lead from the shop windows of Schönhauser Allee to the halls of the Schönhauser Allee Arcaden. On-going past the outdoor spaces of the historic Coliseum cinema to the plots of land of the allotment gardens along the S-Bahn - enlivening the city. For the first time, a performance route is part of the artwalk, where artists will perform at the different locations along Schönhauser Allee and the neighbouring areas.

Several large, group exhibitions bring together different protagonists from the district. At the Park-Klinik Weißensee, the exhibition "**Die liegende Figur**" (The Reclining Figure) imaginatively explores reclining as a position and as an action.



In the exhibition "**artspring hell behind the scenes**" at the chapel on Prenzlauer Allee, artists who have been closely associated with artspring for years focus upon the interaction between art as a vocation, and art as a profession. In the caretaker's house at the St. Nicolai and St. Marien cemetery, a Pankow gem, all art spring participating artists are invited to contribute a work.

To mark the landmark of artothek berlin being in existence for a year its concentration is the colonial legacy in the exhibition "**Consequences of Colonialism in Contemporary Art Presentation.**" With another display dedicated to the new additions, "**Neue Künstler:innen der artothek berlin.**" Resulting eight artists' artworks being borrowed by interested parties at anyone time.

For three consecutive days, **artspring Film 23** at the Brotfabrik cinema brings different artistic viewpoints from film and video creators to the screen. Inclusively, presenting them with live talks and open discussion. During four days, ten authors will stage their new works at **artspring Readings 23.**

At the heart of the festival, and similarly the Finale are the **Open Studios**, 3-4 June 2023. During this final weekend, 300 artists open their workspaces to the public, making the creative process closely accessible. Creating opportunities for you to meet several artists in one studio house, or visiting and taking a look behind the scenes of many individual studios in the assorted neighbourhoods.

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