



**DUESSELDORF PHOTO**



Press Release

**DUESSELDORF PHOTO will kick off in February 2018—a new photo-festival in Germany and the largest one in NRW.**

From the 16th to 25th of February 2018, the city of Duesseldorf will devote itself to photography for ten days. Around 30 museums, cultural institutions, universities, galleries, and project spaces will present the works of more than 100 photographers including Thomas Ruff, Barbara Kasten, Herlinde Koelbl, Kris Scholz, Louise Dahl-Wolfe, Charles Paul Wilp, Akram Zaatari, Hartmut Neumann, and the students of Christopher Williams, among others. The event is organized by the NRW-Forum Duesseldorf.

**DUESSELDORF PHOTO: a platform for all the key players.**

Participants include the K21 - Kunstsammlung Nordrhein-Westfalen, NRW-Forum Düsseldorf, Filmmuseum, Kai 10, Weltkunstzimmer, Sammlung Philara, Mahn- und Gedenkstätte Düsseldorf, Schloss Benrath, Kunstakademie Düsseldorf, Hochschule Düsseldorf, Akademie-Galerie, Atelier am Eck, Künstlerverein Malkasten, Museum Ratingen, WerkstattWerkstatt as well as numerous galleries including Hans Mayer, Konrad Fischer, Peter Tedden, Van Horn, and Ninasagt, among others.

**Looking back, looking forward**

Photography has had and continues to play an exceptional role in Duesseldorf, both historically and in the present. This is reflected in the festival's program with its broad spectrum of participants and a rich thematic program. In addition to exhibitions in



museums and galleries, the festival will also present private collections, artists' studios, curated satellite projects, and performances in public space. The program will be rounded off by a symposium, a photo-book fair, a film program, and portfolio reviews.

### **Endorsement**

Duesseldorf is endorsed by the city's mayor Thomas Geisel: "Our city has a very special tradition of photography and photographic art. With DUESSELDORF PHOTO, we are laying the groundwork for the coming years. We are producing synergies in order to be able to set the tone for the German photography scene of the future."

### **Committee**

The committee includes various international and regional photography experts who have guided the festival's thematic development. It includes Mareike Foecking (photography professor, Hochschule Düsseldorf), Katja Stuke (photographer and curator, Düsseldorf), Ingo Taubhorn (curator, Deichtorhallen/Haus der Fotografie Hamburg), Heide Häusler (curator and manager, PhotoSzene Köln), Celina Lunsford (director, Fotografie-Forum Frankfurt, Ray Festival), and Felix Hoffmann (curator, C/O Berlin).

### **Opening Week**

**Friday 16th February:** Opening of all exhibitions, galleries, and special projects.

**Saturday 17th February:** Long Night of Photography - open until 2 am. Extensive program of tours, performances, concerts, and a party.

**16th - 18th February:** Photo-book fair at the Hochschule Düsseldorf.

**16th - 25th February:** Film program at the Black Box and Bambi-Filmstudio.

**23rd - 24th February:** International conference on contemporary discourses in photography at the NRW-Forum Düsseldorf.

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