

Press Release

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25th poesiefestival berlin



For the 25th time, Haus für Poesie organizes **poesiefestival berlin**: this year from **July 4 to 21** at **silent green Kulturquartier** in Wedding and at familiar and new locations throughout Berlin.

The festival in 2024 will focus on candid conversations and transdisciplinary practices both: Poets and musicians will read, sing, perform and reflect their practices at the festival in established formats such as **Weltklang – Night of Poetry**, during **poetry talks** or via the **Berlin Poetry Lecture 2024**, as well as in the **Poets' Corner** series, or new formats such as **Vocations – open space**.

The festival will **open with a speech by poet Marcel Beyer on July 4** in silent green's Kuppelhalle. Readings by international poets and German-language newcomers will offer an insight into the variety of Berlin's poetry scene. Songwriter **Masha Qrella** will sing her versions of some of Thomas Brasch's poems.

From July 5 – 15, Poets' Corner will find numerous spaces for poetry all over Berlin: whether in a workshop in Neukölln, a warehouse on the island of Eiswerder, a circus tent in Hohenschönhausen, the Buchengarten of Akademie der Künste or a gallery in Wedding. Everywhere, poetry can be experienced as multiple transdisciplinary practices, be it song, sound art, installation, graffiti, film, body art or, in a cooperation with literary magazine *Stoff aus Luft*, Spoken Word.

Starting on July 16, the audience can meet poets and gain an insight into their work at afternoon **poetry talks** in the intimate atmosphere of silent green's studio rooms. Poets will then perform on stage as part of larger panels on four Kuppelhalle

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events: Termed **Writing Change, Writing Identities, Writing Class, Writing Histories**, these events offer opportunities to discover how socio-political topics can be addressed by poetry.

A core event of the festival will take place on **July 20 and 21** under awnings in the outdoor area of silent green: Internationally renowned artists as well as German-speaking newcomers will perform at numerous **readings on the green**. Admission is free.

At this year's **poetry book market** on **Saturday, July 20**, around forty poetry publishers and magazines from Germany, Austria and Switzerland will present their publications in the inner courtyard of silent green.

On Saturday evening, Weltklang – Night of Poetry awaits the audience for the first time in silent green's Betonhalle. Eight poets will read in original languages, while the audience can read along in German and English.

Poetry in Education opens in mid-June with an **extensive participation program for all age groups**, which continues throughout the festival: training for poetry mediators, workshops for school classes, including our new poetry recommendations for children, readings of young poetry with over 70 artists, a collective chain poem and much more. We will also celebrate the reading and award ceremony of a Germany-wide writing competition organized by the British Council.

Considered the largest of its kind in Europe, poesiefestival berlin was founded in 2000. Each year, it brings more than 100 renowned poets and artists from all over the world to Berlin.

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Poets' Corner
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