

Press release

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The 24th poesiefestival berlin and the fall program of Haus für Poesie

After an extremely successful 24th poesiefestival berlin, which took place from June 9 to 16 at the Akademie der Künste on Hanseatenweg and for the first time under the direction of Katharina Schultens, Haus für Poesie is going on summer break until early September 2023.

With an increase in sales of 30% and very well attended events, we can draw a thoroughly positive balance of this year's festival. Already the opening evening, Weltklang – Night of Poetry, was sold out with over 500 guests. One of the highlights was the poetry talk between Eileen Myles and Alice Notley, which attracted more than 300 visitors to the Akademie der Künste on Monday evening. Korean poet **Kim Hyesoon** delivered an impressive 2023 Berlin Poetry Lecture titled **Tongueless Mother Tongue**, which Beate Tröger classified as "in a league with Paul Celan and Gottfried Benn" in the weekly *Der Freitag*. This year, the speech was again published as a book by Wallstein Verlag, for the first time in three languages – the original and in German and English. Also worthy of mention are the three major theme evenings: "Writing Violence," "Writing Identities", and "Writing Motherhood". Poets such as TJ Dema, Athena Farrokhzad and Kemi Alabi read from their poems. Among others, Ann Cotten and Kerstin Preiwuß performed in the Buchengarten, as well as the Büchnerpreis winners Marcel Beyer, Durs Grünbein, and Jan Wagner.

The fall program of Haus für Poesie

At the beginning of September 2023, our fall program at Haus für Poesie in the Kulturbrauerei will start with a following up on the poesiefestival. As a continuation of the "Writing Violence" evening, the Ukrainian poet **Lyuba Yakimchuk** will read, whose outstanding volume "Abrykosy Donbasu" (Vydavnytstvo Staroho Leva, 2015) deals with her family's forced flight from Luhansk – it has been available in English since 2021, in French since 2023, but not yet in German. She will appear together with **Yevgeniy Breyger**, whose volume "Peace without War" (kookbooks, 2023) caused a stir in the German-language feuilleton and who has just been awarded the Mondseer Lyrikpreis.

Another program highlight is a reading with the Serbian poet **Radmila Petrović** and the Croatian poet **Marko Pogačar**. Within Poetic Education, the International Literary Competition "Youth Writes Poems" for young Polish speakers will take place again.

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Another continuation of "Writing Identities" from the poesiefestival is an evening with British queer perspectives by **Andrew McMillan, Nat Raha, Richard Scott** and **Verity Spott**.

In a cooperative event between the **Peter Huchel Haus** and **Haus für Poesie**, the winners of the Peter-Huchel-Preis **Judith Zander** and **Dinçer Gücyeter** will read together.

In October, the program continues with book premieres by **Hinemoana Baker** and **Jan Wagner**, as well as an event commemorating the 50th anniversary of **Ingeborg Bachmann's** death.

You will soon find the exact dates on our website haus-fuer-poesie.org.

Vocations – a multilingual, transdisciplinary reinvention of the art song

We are very happy to introduce our **Vocations** project, a new series that combines poetry and music to reinventing the European-centered art song – from a multilingual and transdisciplinary perspective: with new art songs by **Nail Doğan** and **Cenk Ergün**, **Felipe Sáez Riquelme** and **VictorPiano**, **Cia Rinne** and **Catalina Rueda**, **Avrina Prabala-Joslin** and **Sol-i So**. Haus für Poesie cooperates with JUNGE AKADEMIE, Akademie der Künste, Berlin, Cultural Foundation Schloss Wiepersdorf and Heimathafen Neukölln and is funded by Senatsverwaltung für Kultur und Gesellschaftlichen Zusammenhalt des Landes Berlin.

MON 09.10.2023 and **THU 16.11.2023** Salons
Akademie der Künste, Hanseatenweg 10, 10557 Berlin

MON 26.10.2023 and **THU 21.12.2023** Premieres
Heimathafen Neukölln, Karl-Marx-Str. 141, 12043 Berlin

ZEBRA Poetry Film Festival

ZEBRA Poetry Film Festival will take place from October 12 to 15 at Kino in der Kulturbrauerei. In 2023, the program spotlight will be **Italy** in cooperation with the Istituto Italiano di Cultura di Berlino. Readings and a masterclass at Haus für Poesie will complement the film program.

open mike – competition for young literature

At the beginning of November, the **open mike – competition for young literature** invites again for a weekend (3.–5.11.) to live readings of this year's finalists at Heimathafen Neukölln. The jury of the 31st open mike consists of **Shida Bazyar**,

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Senthuran Varatharajah and **Anja Zag Golob**. A total of 548 texts were submitted, 133 of them poetry.

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