

Looking Back and Looking Ahead: Photoszene Festivals 2018 & 2019

- **Photoszene Festival 2018: Positive Visitor Response and Fully Booked Events**
- **NEW DATE!** Despite the cancellation of photokina, the Photoszene Festival will be taking place in Cologne from 3 - 12 May 2019
- *Artist Meets Archive*: Six exhibitions at Cologne's major museums (press conference on 2 May 2019 at 11 a.m., opening on 3 May 2019 at 7 p.m., both at Museum Ludwig)
- Symposium on "Photographic Material: Archives and Tools" at the KHM
- Exhibition "You Are Here" at the Kölnisches Stadtmuseum
- Joint supporting programme with the DGPh



Photoszene Festival 2018: Positive Visitor Response and Fully Booked Events

Once again, Photoszene Festival 2018, which ran alongside photokina with a total of 90 exhibitions in the urban area, 300 artists and more than 110,000 visitors throughout the exhibition durations, put the spotlight on Cologne as an up-to-date, essential location for encounters with photography: Not only did the Museum Ludwig present a comprehensive show on documentary photography, and the Photographische Sammlung / SK Stiftung Kultur the legendary exhibition by August Sander, but previously lesser-known positions such as Mary Frey at the Forum für Fotografie or Eva Besnyö at the Käthe Kollwitz Museum Cologne,

and many new discoveries in the city's galleries and art spaces, also thrilled museum-goers. As the Festival's fully booked workshops and tours prove, the medium of photography continues to inspire great fascination and interest among city residents.

NEW DATE! Photoszene Festival 3 - 12 May 2019

As planned, the next Photoszene Festival will be coming around again as soon as May 2019!

Originally, it was the intention of Photoszene to keep up with photokina's change of cycle and date – however, following the cancellation of photokina for 2019, Photoszene is sticking to this new timing. Save the date!

Artist Meets Archive: Six exhibitions at Cologne's major museums

The 2018 edition also saw the launch of the new artist-in-residence programme of Photoszene Köln, Artist Meets Archive, in partnership with the Kölnisches Stadtmuseum, the MAKK – Museum of Applied Arts Cologne, Museum Ludwig, the Rautenstrauch-Joest-Museum, the Rheinisches Bildarchiv Köln and the Photographische Sammlung/SK Stiftung Kultur. During artists' talks and archive visits, international artists Erik Kessels, Ola Kolehmainen, Ronit Porat, Fiona Tan, Roselyne Titaud and Antje Van Wichelen provided interesting, intriguing and entertaining insights into their artistic practices and piqued visitors' curiosity for their exhibitions during the upcoming Festival in May 2019.

The six exhibitions on Artist Meets Archive at the abovementioned museums and institutions will form the core of the Festival in 2019. The formal opening of the project as a whole will take place on 3 May at 7 p.m. as part of Fiona Tan's vernissage at Museum Ludwig (duration 4 May - 11 August). Framed by a comprehensive events programme, the exhibitions at the five other partner venues will be opening on 4 and 5 May:

Saturday, 4 May 2019, RBA – Rheinisches Bildarchiv hosted by Kaune Contemporary
Ola Kolehmainen. Glass Plates (4 May - 2 June 2019)

Saturday, 4 May 2019, Kölnisches Stadtmuseum (ground floor)
Ronit Porat. TBA (4 May - 14 July 2019)

Saturday, 4 May 2019, MAKK – Museum of Applied Arts Cologne
Erik Kessels. Archive Land (4 May - 2 June 2019)

Sunday, 5 May 2019, Rautenstrauch-Joest-Museum
Antje Van Wichelen. Noisy Images (4 May - 16 June 2019)

Sunday, 5 May 2019 Die Photographische Sammlung/SK Stiftung Kultur
Roselyne Titaud. Die Hummer-Quadrille (4 May - 21 July 2019)

Exact times to be announced.

For further information, please also consult:

www.photoszene.de

[#artistmeetsarchive](https://twitter.com/artistmeetsarchive)

Symposium on “Photographic Material: Archives and Tools” at the KHM, exhibition “You Are Here” at the Kölnisches Stadtmuseum and supporting programme in partnership with the DGPh

The opening weekend will be accompanied in addition by a symposium held by the Kunsthochschule für Medien Köln, Internationale Photoszene Köln and the German Photographic Association (DGPh). Under the title, “Photographic Material: Archives and Tools”, over two days (3/4 May) the symposium will deal with matters relating to the materiality of photography and artistic strategies in the age of virtual reality and 3D photography as well as the task and challenge of conveying photographic archives into a digital future.

Photoszene is widening its activities for the promotion of artistic photography in Cologne: At the invitation of the Kölnisches Stadtmuseum, it will be curating an exhibition titled “YOU ARE HERE - Versuche einer fotografischen Standortbestimmung, Teil 1” on the upper floor of the Alte Wache. In doing so, Photoszene will live up to one of its core tasks: to manifest current trends in the field of photography and put them up for discussion. (Duration 4 May - 14 July 2019)

Following the great success of the supporting programme at the Photoszene Festival in 2018, which was implemented in partnership with the German Photographic Association (DGPh), this collaboration will also be continued in 2019 with exciting events such as “Photographer’s Night” and “Streaming Pictures - Meet the Universities”. In addition, the DGPh will be handing out its prestigious *Dr Erich Salomon Award for Outstanding Photojournalism* within the context of the Photoszene Festival on 10 May.

Registration now open

The lively, variety-packed exhibition trail through the city, which links museums, galleries and spaces, is a special feature of every Photoszene Festival. In the interest of addressing visitors more effectively, Photoszene is introducing categories as an innovation for the next edition. Alongside museums, institutions, galleries and art spaces, artists’ studios and artists’ collectives are also specifically being invited to take part in the Festival and offer prospective photographers authentic insights into their artistic practices.

Registration is now open via <https://anmeldung.photoszene.de>. Contact partners for participant management are Kathrin Esser & Jana Strippel (festival@photoszene.de).

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