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25th edition of poesiefestival berlin: Festival program now online

Tickets for the 25th edition of poesiefestival berlin are now available. The festival will take place from July 4 to 21 at silent green Kulturquartier in Wedding and throughout Berlin.

Highlights

The festival will open on July 4 with a speech by author Marcel Beyer, poetry readings by international poets as well as German-language newcomers. 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, with a total of three exhibitions, 12 events and more than 60 participating Berlin poets, musicians and artists.

As part of the **Vocations – open space series (MON 8.7.)**, up to 20 artists will share their musical and vocal practices that draw on poetry in silent green's Kuppelhalle.

A film program at this year's festival includes a screening of **The Book of Conrad (MON 15.7.)** followed by a Q&A with CAConrad at Haus für Poesie. In addition, a **Best Of of ZEBRA Poetry Film Festival (SAT 20.7.)** will be screened in silent green's cinema above the Betonhalle.

An extensive **program of Poetry in Education** organizes training for poetry educators and mediators, workshops for school classes on topics such as the recently published poetry recommendations for children, readings of young poetry with over 70 artists, a collective chain poem and much more.

With Writing Change, Writing Identities, Writing Class, and Writing Histories, four evening panels during the second week of the festival, will bring together poets whose texts deal with socio-political issues in silent green's Kuppelhalle.

Writing Change (TUE 16.7.), will feature four poets who can be seen as trailblazers in finding their very own, new ways of expressing themselves: Nina Dragičević, Kirils Ēcis, Kim Hyun, Ásta Fanney Sigurðardóttir.

Writing Identities (WED 17.7.) focuses on four poets who use their imaginations to create new ways of expressing marginalized perspectives and experiences: CAConrad, Logan February, Harry Josephine Giles, Lisa Jeschke.

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In Writing Class (THU 18.7.), we present positions from the ongoing debate on classism in international poetry: Veronika Dianišková, Fran Lock, Radmila Petrović, Zheng Xiaoqiong.

Writing Histories (FRI 19.7.) showcases four poets who explore traces of collective or individual memory and transgenerational traumas of entire societies in their texts: Sylvie Kandé, Marianna Kiyanowska, Sara Uribe, Miruna Vlada.

These poets and other festival poets will also come together for discussions in 10 poetry talks (TUE 16.7. – SUN 21.7.), taking place in the intimate atmosphere of silent green's studio rooms. The talks will kick off with a conversation between Ukrainian poets Marianna Kiyanovska and Oksana Maksymchuk, whose poems approach current and historical war violence in different ways.

Our weekend **readings on the green** with 50 poets and the poetry market with publishers and magazines from Germany, Austria and Switzerland (SAT 20.7. - SUN 21.7.) invite you to the outdoor area of silent green. Admission is free.

The Berlin Poetry Lecture 2024 (SO 21.7.) will be given by American poet Terrance Hayes. In short essays, illustrations, poems, diagrams and instructions, Hayes will trace his reading biography and call for vigilance towards language.

Considered the largest of its kind in Europe, poesiefestival berlin was founded in 2000. Each year, it offers a program with more than 150 renowned poets and artists from all over the world.

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The full program and all artists biographies are now online at poesiefestival.org

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