

KGB-KUNSTWOCHE

Action Week for Berlin Art Week

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Berlin is the international capital of art. In every section of the city, fresh, vibrant creativity thrives outside the big exhibition venues and art markets, waiting to be discovered. Berlin's twenty-eight **municipal galleries** drive and promote these creative processes and experiments. They are decentralized, local organisations; for artists living and working in Berlin, they are frequently debut public presentation venues and quite often act as springboards into the international art scene. For Berlin Art Week, Berlin's municipal galleries once again highlight the city's creativity at **KGB KUNSTWOCHE** from September 9 - 18. The program consists of bus tours through different districts, city walks with artists (Artist Walks), special programs accompanying current exhibitions and the thematic evening event "What use is Art?" (*Was nützt Kunst?*). The KGB-Kunstwoche finale is a night of concerts – KGB-Sounds – featuring participating visual artists at Heimathafen Neukölln.

On both weekends, **Artist Walks** leave from various gallery spaces, exploring artistic interventions and excursions in urban spaces of each area from unusual perspectives. **The theme evening, "What use is Art?"** on Monday, September 12, features artist Ellen Kobe in a performative guided tour of the history of Schwarzsche Villa and philosopher Marcus Steinweg muses on whether the work of artists is actually needed by others. The collective action culminates on Saturday, September 17 in three **KGB Bus Tours** linking several areas of the city. Over five hours, every tour visits five galleries, where the director of each presents the program focus of the space. Afterwards, Heimathafen Neukölln hosts the KGB-Kunstwoche closing event, **KGB Sounds – The Night of Artists' Bands**, with Beating The Drum/N.U. Unruh, dangerpony, Artists On Horses and Black Heino (free admission), followed by a DJ set from planningtorock – an auditory final note to a week of visual impact.

Detailed programs for KGB KUNSTWOCHE program and individual municipal galleries can be found online at www.kgberlin.net.

Participation in all events is free.

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Date September 9-18, 2016

Theme Evening „Was nützt Kunst?“ (What use is Art?)

Monday, September 12, 2016, 7:00–9:30 pm

7 pm: Ellen Kobe: Gast in der Galerie (Guest in the Gallery) (performative guided tour)

8 pm: Marcus Steinweg: Warum Kunst und Philosophie? (Why Art and Philosophy) (lecture in German)

Schwartzsche Villa (Grunewaldstraße 55, 12165 Berlin)

KGB Sounds – Artists' band night

Saturday, September 17, 2016, 8:30 pm

Beating The Drum/N.U. Unruh, dangerpony, Artists On Horses, Black Heino, planningtorock

Heimathafen Neukölln (Karl-Marx-Str. 141, 12043 Berlin)

Free Admission

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