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13 July – 5 August, free admission

Airing Out – Open Air in the Schlüter Courtyard

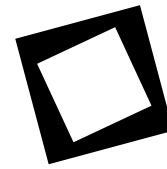
Time to Air Out! For the third time, the Humboldt Forum invites everyone to this open-air festival in the Schlüterhof with live concerts and DJ sets, family events, and cool drinks. On twelve summer evenings, you can listen to international and Berlin-based musicians and bands spanning a wide range of music – from Accra to Bogotá, from Belgrade to Vilnius, and from Rio de Janeiro to Istanbul. As part of a residency program, five Berlin-based musicians and artists have been exploring the Humboldt Forum and the collections on display. They will present their results at the festival's finale on August 5.

On twelve evenings Thursdays through Sundays from July 13 to August 5, the Schlüterhof turns into a large open-air stage. Music curator and scene expert Melissa Perales has put together a cross-genre and highly danceable programme with international guests and musicians from the Berlin scene. Every Saturday, moreover, an open-air story-telling theatre is sure to delight all children.

Melissa Perales: “I am a Mexican-American curator living in Berlin for the past 27 years and it has been my honour, as well as I feel my duty to create spaces and stages like this where room is made for underrepresented, uprooted, and lost narratives to be told. The curation of this edition continues to create a platform for the artists' stories to be re-centered; it musically bridges the gap for the audience to go on a journey of discovery, leaving open the door for participation and encouraging listening and dancing. I believe there is something for every music lover, from Fra-Fra Gospel to Drone to Turkish Psychedelic, Afro-Caribbean Transcendence and even Rap from Makobohka, the oldest township in Zimbabwe! I am thrilled that we are able to offer this wonderful program for free, making it accessible to all – a low threshold for audiences to come together and discover the beauty and diversity of cultures around them through music.”

Stage Events

Musicians and artists celebrate music, words and images across continents and cultures. At the start of the festival, *Virginia Mukweshu-Hetze - A Tribute to Stella Chiweshe* pays a musical



tribute to the late great Zimbabwean musician and Berlin resident Stella Rambisai Chiweshe who opened the festival in 2021.

Playlist Airing Out 2023. With Contributions by

ABENKO & The Positive Mind | Dar es Salaam | Alogte Oho & the Sounds of Joy | Northern Ghana | Ahmed AG Kaedy | Kidal, Mali | AWA Khiwe (African Women Arise) | Makokoba, Bulawayo, Zimbabwe | BANTUNAGOJÊJE | Berlin | Rio de Janeiro | Ben Olayinka | Berlin | DJ Booty Carrell | Munich | Brushy One String | Kingston, Jamaica | Combo Chimbita NYC | Bogotá | DJ Chris Menists | London | Bangkok | Disco Vumbi a.k.a DJ Alai K | Mombasa | Berlin | duendita | NYC | Puerto Rico | DJ Dauwd | Berlin | North Wales | EsRap | Vienna | Istanbul | Gordan | Berlin | Belgrade | Gotopo | Bogotá | Caracas | In Living Color Collective | Berlin | DJ ÌPEK | Berlin | Istanbul | Kofi | Benin | Paris | DJ Mafi Sai | Bangkok | DJ Maryisonacid | Berlin | Maque Pereyra DJ Set | Berlin | Bogotá | Mehmet Aslan DJ Set | Berlin | Basel | Merope w/ | Brussels - Vilnius | Shazhad Ismaily | US | Pakistan | Merve Salgar & Anil Eraslan | Istanbul | Strasbourg | Berlin | MLDVA with Petra Nachtmanova | Krakow | Vienna | Berlin | Onom Agemo & the Disco Jumpers | Berlin | TootArd | Bern | Haifa | The Paradise Bangkok Molam International Band | Bangkok | Tropical Timewarp DJ Collective | Berlin | Selassie | Berlin | Accra | Tribute to Stella Rambisai Chiweshe with her daughter Virginia Mukweshu-Hetze & former students: Stefan Franke | Berlin, Camille Bokhobza | Berlin & Fabiano Lima | Pernambuco, Brazil | Berlin | Pantopia Label Evening | Berlin

Residency Programme

As part of a research residency, five Berlin-based musicians and artists are exploring the Humboldt Forum, the Ethnologisches Museum and the Phonogram Archive. The artistic results will be presented in a joint performative concert evening at the festival's finale on August 5. With this, a programme born in 2021 from a curatorial process and enabling an encounter between the artists of the Airing Out Festival and the Humboldt Forum will come full circle.

The artists of the residency programme: Dhanesh Jayaselan, Emeka Okereke, Gotopo, Candace Lee Camacho a.k.a. duendita, & Batila da Costa

Story-Telling Theatre

For children 4 years and older. Saturdays at 11 a.m. and 12, 1 and 2 p.m.

Storytellers have brought many stories with them: they combine narrative material, myths and themes across languages. Each weekend, different stories will be told in German and another language for children ages 4 and older and their families.

15 July 2023: "Heute rot, morgen tot" (Here Today and Gone Tomorrow)

22 July 2023: "Vom Wasser, das aufhörte zu singen" (About the Water That Stopped Singing)

29 July 2023: "Den Himmel tragen" (Carrying the Sky)

5 August 2023: "Schuppi und der Schlangenschnitt" (Schnuppi and the Snaking Word Cutter)

Pop-up Architecture

The pop-up architecture by the group Parasite 2.0 (Milan/London) stages an intervention in the historical design of the Schlüterhof: islands that you can walk on transform the courtyard into a colourful landscape. They not only invite you to relax and interact, but also become an interactive stage for the artistic performances. A work by Parasite 2.0 (Stefano Colombo, Eugenio Cosentino und Luca Marullo).

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