

24 hours–24 musicians: Homage to Joseph Beuys

A 24-hour musical tribute to Joseph Beuys will take place on September 18 and 19 2021 at K21. 24 musicians under the direction of Matthias Osterwold honour Beuys as a ground-breaking artist, who regarded music as an important component in his visual thinking and whose concept of expanded art significantly affected the course of music.

The point of departure for this homage is Beuys's longstanding interest in the work and thinking of French composer Erik Satie: 24 musicians from different disciplines, nations, and generations will present a relay performance of Erik Satie's »vexations« for piano. Each will play for an hour before handing over to the next performer. The 24 players are not exclusively professional pianists, there are also visual artists, curators, school pupils.

This event, as plastic as it is polyphonic, takes its lead from Beuys's own transformative, deeply human approach to his work. It asks, with Beuys, how music today, how art today can contribute to social renewal. The 24 pianists include Heloisa Amaral (Brussels), Thomas Bächli (Berlin), Cornelia Blume (Ribnitz-Damgarten), Claudia Chan (Cologne), Ulrike Groos (Stuttgart), Gordon Kampe (Hamburg), Moena Katsufuji (Essen), Sabine Liebner (Munich), Marlene Matthes (Mühlheim/Ruhr), Frederike Möller (Düsseldorf), Sun-Young Nam (Darmstadt), José Andrés Navarro Silberstein (Cologne), Makiko Nishikaze (Berlin), Theo Pauß (Cologne), Ying Yu (Essen), Mirela Zhulali (Essen) und Matthias Osterwold

Music from the Future: A 24-hour musical homage to Joseph Beuys, September 18–19, 2021, from 4 pm, K21, Entry is free. The proof of vaccination, recovery or a current-day negative test result must be presented in order to participate in the event.

An event in conjunction with *beuys 2021. 100 years of joseph beuys*. A project of the Ministry of Culture and Science of the State of North Rhine-Westphalia in cooperation with the Heinrich-Heine-University, Düsseldorf as main organizer. The Beuys centennial year stands under the patronage of NRW Minister-President Armin Laschet.

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