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VIENNA ART WEEK LOSING CONTROL November 12 – 19, 2021

From November 12 – 19, 2021, Vienna will once again revolve around art: for one week, the VIENNA ART WEEK will present a high-caliber artistic program which will include exhibitions, performances, talks, and lectures, guided tours, and special programs. Around 200 events by approximately 50 program partners of the VIENNA ART WEEK will bring the city's extensive and diverse art production into focus.

House of Losing Control

"Losing Control" is this year's motto for the VIENNA ART WEEK, which invites an artistic exploration of experienced or threatened loss of control – a topic that must be reconsidered in the context of the pandemic and the climate crisis. One of this year's highlights of the VIENNA ART WEEK offers the opportunity to do so: a former car dealership now comprised of workshops and outbuildings in Vienna's 20th district, not far from the Augarten, will become the venue for an exhibition that brings together 70 national and international artistic positions. In 40 rooms and spacious halls covering 4,300 m², the "House of Losing Control" will present visual art, performances, and music for an entire week. Among others, the artists Ruth Anderwald + Leonhard Grond, Ramesch Daha, Christian Eisenberger, Gelitin, Soli Kiani, Jyoti Mistry, Bruce Nauman, Javier Téllez, and Erwin Wurm will be represented by their works.

Robert Punkenhofer, artistic director of the VIENNA ART WEEK, will curate the week-long exhibition, which will open on Friday, November 12, 2021. *"The House of Losing Control is planned as an experimental space and stage for the diverse explorations of the theme "Losing Control" of this year's VIENNA ART WEEK. The art week also invites celebration and contemplation, aspects that are more in demand than ever in these times of pandemic and crisis."*

Losing Control Exhibition Parcours and Open Studio Days

On Saturday, November 13, and Sunday, November 14, the opening weekend, the "Losing Control Exhibition Parcours" will take visitors to ten artists' studios where works related to the topic of the VIENNA ART WEEK will be presented. Numerous curatorial talks in the artists' studios constitute the supporting program. Part of the "Losing Control Exhibition Parcours" are Ruth Anderwald + Leonhard Grond, Crisfor, Dejan Dukic, Christian Eisenberger, Denis Rudolf Frank, Les Tardes Goldscheyder, Ernst Logar, Markus Redl, Almut Rink, and Hubert Scheibl.

Also on the first weekend, approximately 100 artists will open their studios for the "Open Studio Days," the studios which are distributed from Vienna's 1st to the 21st district, will offer interested visitors insights into current art production.

LOSING CONTROL Line-up

On Thursday, November 18, 2021, distinguished guests from the fields of art and science will discuss the various aspects surrounding loss of control. Conscious release, immersion in creative flow and ecstasy are as much a topic here as is the threat that loss of control over one's own life can pose. The "LOSING CONTROL Line-up" will present talks, lectures, presentations, and film screenings in quick succession. Participants include sociologist and economist Saskia Sassen (Columbia University, New York City), curator Sergio Edelsztejn (Tel Aviv), the cultural scientist Fritz Breithaupt (Indiana University Bloomington, USA), the artist Javier Téllez (Venezuela) as well as the author and philosopher Jules Evans (London Philosophy Club).

Program Partners

Museums, major art institutions and universities, exhibition houses as well as selected galleries are part of the Art Week, as are artists' studios and independent art spaces. The "Gallery Tours" will visit selected galleries. High-profile talks, lectures, guided tours, and performances at various art venues form a dense program throughout the week, to which the program partners will contribute significantly.

Martin Böhm, president of the sponsoring association of the VIENNA ART WEEK, Art Cluster Vienna:

"Once again this year the VIENNA ART WEEK will demonstrate the diversity and strength of local art production. It is a great pleasure to see how Vienna as a place for art is continuously and dynamically developing every year."

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DATES AND FACTS**

INITIATORS

Martin Böhm, President of Art Cluster Vienna, and Robert Punkenhofer, Artistic Director of VIENNA ART WEEK, founded the art festival 17 years ago and made it a fixture in the Austrian and international art calendars.

ART CLUSTER VIENNA

Founded in 2004, Art Cluster Vienna aims to position Vienna as a national and international hotspot of art. Art Cluster Vienna is an association of leading art institutions in the city of Vienna. VIENNA ART WEEK is held by Vienna's major exhibition venues, art spaces, institutions of art education, and galleries. Their input and top-class programs are the backbone of the art week, which has long established itself as an annual fixture in the city's art agenda in fall since it was launched in 2004. Attracting approximately 35,000 visitors from Austria and abroad, the festival enhances Vienna's profile as an international hotspot of art.

The following cultural institutions belong to the Art Cluster Vienna:

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Vienna Belvedere,	mumok Museum of Modern Art
Belvedere 21 Dom	Ludwig Foundation Vienna
Museum Wien	Nitsch Foundation
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Kunsthalle Wien Museumsquartier &	Secession
Kunsthalle Wien Karlsplatz	Sigmund Freud Museum
KUNST HAUS WIEN	University of Applied Arts Vienna
Kunsthistorisches Museum Vienna	Business Agency Vienna Creativity & Business
& Weltmuseum Vienna	

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