RAY returns!
The Frankfurt/Rhine-Main region will celebrate contemporary photography for the fourth time in the summer of 2021

The Frankfurt/Rhine-Main region is home to an outstanding potential through the abundance and quality of contemporary photography and its related media in its collections and institutions. In order to highlight this, the international Triennial RAY Fotografieprojekte Frankfurt/RheinMain was created in 2010 as a unique cooperation which will return after the first three successful editions from 3 June to 12 September, 2021 and is dedicated to the topic of IDEOLOGIES. Six institutions and eight curators are collaboratively planning and developing a kaleidoscope of exhibitions and a variety of other activities. The international Triennial RAY 2021 is also expanding. Deutsche Börse Photography Foundation, DZ BANK Kunstsammlung, Fotografie Forum Frankfurt, Frankfurter Kunstverein, Museum Angewandte Kunst and Museum MMK für Moderne Kunst will show selected contributions and a wealth of newly commissioned positions in the RAY Exhibitions. Additionally RAY Partners in the Rhine-Main region will complement the program with individual projects. RAY 2021 will open with an international RAY Festival, which will welcome photo enthusiasts, artists and visitors of all ages from 3 to 5 June, 2021. The summer of 2021 will become the RAY 2021 Photography Summer.

RAY 2021 Dates

RAY 2021 Program Press Conference
Thursday, 25 March, 2021, 11 a.m.

RAY 2021 Opening Press Conference
Wednesday, 2 June, 2021, 11 a.m.

RAY 2021 Grand Opening
Wednesday, 2 June, 2021, 7 p.m.

RAY 2021 Party
Wednesday, 2 June, 2021, 8 p.m

RAY 2021 Festival
Thursday, 3 June to Saturday, 5 June, 2021

RAY 2021 Exhibition Period
3 June to 12 September, 2021
RAY 2021 Curators
Anne-Marie Beckmann (Deutsche Börse Photography Foundation)
Christina Leber (DZ BANK Kunstsammlung)
Alexandra Lechner (Darmstädter Tage der Fotografie)
Celina Lunsford (Fotografie Forum Frankfurt)
Franziska Nori (Frankfurter Kunstverein)
Susanne Pfeffer with Anna Sailer (Museum MMK für Moderne Kunst)
Matthias Wagner K (Museum Angewandte Kunst)

RAY 2021 Exhibitions
Deutsche Börse Photography Foundation
DZ BANK Kunstsammlung
Fotografie Forum Frankfurt
Frankfurter Kunstverein
Museum Angewandte Kunst
Museum MMK für Moderne Kunst

RAY 2021 Partner Projects
Historisches Museum Frankfurt
Kunst- und Kulturstiftung Opelvillen Rüsselsheim
Kunstforum der TU Darmstadt
Marta Hoepffner-Gesellschaft für Fotografie e.V. im Stadtmuseum Hofheim
Museum Giersch der Goethe-Universität
Nassauischer Kunstverein Wiesbaden

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Kulturamt Stadt Frankfurt am Main
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RAY 2021 Media Partners
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Background RAY Fotografieprojekte Frankfurt/RheinMain
On the initiative of the Kulturfonds Frankfurt RheinMain, RAY Fotografieprojekte Frankfurt/RheinMain was founded in 2010 to highlight and profile the outstanding potential for contemporary photography in collections, exhibition spaces and educational institutions of the region.

RAY 2018: EXTREME
For its third edition the photography Triennial RAY 2018, titled EXTREME, addressed the other, the delimitation, the bizarre in times of changing social, ecological and political conditions worldwide. 25 artists such as Mathieu Asselin, Cao Fei, Martin Liebscher, Richard Mosse, Boris Mikhailov, Gideon Mendel, Paolo Nazareth, Guy Tillim and Isabelle Wenzel presented their positions in five RAY Exhibitions at Deutsche Börse Photography Foundation, Fotografie Forum Frankfurt, Kunstforum der TU Darmstadt in cooperation with Darmstädter Tage der Fotografie, Museum Angewandte Kunst und MMK Museum für Moderne Kunst. The Triennial was also opened with a RAY Festival for the first time. A workshop was initiated for students from HfG Offenbach, Darmstadt University of Applied Sciences, Kunsthochschule Mainz and Städelschule with the RAY Masterclass, which was led by RAY artist Arno Rafael Minkkinen. The results of the school project RAY Junior were collated in the anniversary publication of the Kulturfonds Frankfurt RheinMain.

RAY 2015: IMAGINE REALITY
With the second issue, titled IMAGINE REALITY, RAY 2015 presented photography and related media that not only depict our reality, but also create new realities. In this issue RAY 2015 expanded even further into the region and gained new partners. Fotografie Forum Frankfurt, Museum Angewandte Kunst and MMK Museum für Moderne Kunst presented a total of 38 artistic positions in the RAY Exhibitions, including Simon Starling, Sonja Braas, Barbara Breitenfellner, David Claerbout, Joan Fontcuberta, Beate Gütschow, Barbara Kasten, Wolfgang Zurborn, Sophie Calle, Lucas Foglia and Hans Op de Beeck.

RAY 2012: MAKING HISTORY
With the title MAKING HISTORY, the premiere of RAY 2012 focused on the artistic reflection of public images. Three RAY Exhibitions that were hosted at Frankfurter Kunstverein, MMK Museum für Moderne Kunst and MMK Zollamt presented a broad spectrum of artistic engagement by 39 artists such as Viktoria Binschtok, Thomas Demand, David LaChapelle, Omer Fast, Alfredo Jaar, Barbara Klemm, Gustav Metzger and more young emerging artists.
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