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**PRESS RELEASE**

**Kulturforum, Neue Nationalgalerie**

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**The Neue Nationalgalerie is the festival meeting point for this year's Berlin Art Week (BAW) from September 13th to 17th, 2023, and is hosting a performance festival for the second time as part of BAW 2023: PERFORM! featuring works by Yoko Ono, Göksu Kunak, and many more; Admission is free.**

This year, the Neue Nationalgalerie serves as the festival hub for the **BAW Garten**, where a temporary artistic installation of trees has been created in collaboration with atelier le balto on the terrace. After the Berlin Art Week, these trees will be integrated into the "Baumschule Kulturforum" project. The **BAW Garten** hosts an extensive program of events, and there are also guided tours with Klaus Biesenbach into the construction site of the **Berlin Modern**.

For the Berlin Art Week from September 13th to 17th, 2023, the Neue Nationalgalerie is hosting its second annual performance festival, **PERFORM!** This festival showcases historical works, including Yoko Ono's „Cut Piece“ (1964), as well as contemporary performances, including those by Göksu Kunak. Additionally, the concert series **Sound in the Garden** will continue on September 14th with Casey Spooner. Last year, the Neue Nationalgalerie's program for Berlin Art Week 2022 focused on an important historical performance, „Huddle“ (1961) by Simone Forti, and featured additional performances by artists such as Franziska Aigner, Billy Bultheel, Miles Greenberg, Julian Jesus, and Maria Scaroni.

**Program**

Participation in all events is free. Unless otherwise specified, participation does not require registration.

**Tuesday, September 12th to Sunday, September 17th, 2023, at 5 PM PERFORM!:**

Yoko Ono's historical performance "Cut Piece" from 1964 is one of her earliest performance works: here, the artist sat alone, dressed in her best attire, on the floor with a pair of scissors in front of her. The audience was instructed to approach her one by one and cut a small piece of her clothing with the scissors, which they were then allowed to keep. For the Berlin Art Week, the Neue Nationalgalerie is collaborating with Studio Yoko Ono, and Berlin-based performers will present the work in the front area of the upper hall.

**Tuesday, September 12th to Sunday, September 17th, 2023, at 4 PM Berlin Modern:**

Together with artists and cultural actors, Klaus Biesenbach conducts daily guided tours through the construction site of Berlin Modern, the new museum building at the Kulturforum. Participation will be raffled off through the Instagram channels of the Neue Nationalgalerie and the Berlin Art Week.

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**Wednesday, September 13th, 5-10 PM**

Reference Festival: for its 7th edition titled "Transition", the Reference Festival partners with the Neue Nationalgalerie, presenting an interdisciplinary program in the sculpture garden, on the terrace, and in the museum shop. The program is inspired by skateboarding and the idea of reimagining architecture to create a safe space. The Neue Nationalgalerie serves as a central hub for both art and skateboarding, and in bridging the communities, the festival places a special focus on LGBTQIA+ individuals in music, art, fashion, and the sport that uniquely inspires creative thinking while connecting subcultures.

**Wednesday, September 13th, 6-8 PM**

Berlin Art Week Garden: One to(o) many, a monothematic magazine. One work, many opinions. Magazine Launch.

**Thursday, September 14th, 3:30 PM**

Berlin Art Week Garden: The New Climate Alliances. Cultural institutions as drivers of a more sustainable society. Talk with Monopol Magazine.

**Thursday, September 14th, 6 - 8 PM**

Sound in the Garden: Casey Spooner.

**Saturday, September 16th, 7:45 PM**

PERFORM!/: Göksu Kunak presents her performance "VENUS" on the terrace of the Neue Nationalgalerie, commissioned for PERFORM! "VENUS" is a site-specific, symbolically overloaded hyper-assembly, a performative installation dealing with clichés, particularly related to topics like immigration, movement, stagnation, restriction, speed, or deceleration. The work references films, music videos, Fluxus, happenings, and historical depictions of Venus.

**Saturday, September 16th, 4-9 PM**

PERFORM!/: The PERFORM! festival concludes with an afternoon of performances. The program will be announced during the Berlin Art Week. For more information, visit: [www.smb.museum/nng](http://www.smb.museum/nng)  
[www.berlinartweek.de/baw-garten/](http://www.berlinartweek.de/baw-garten/)

Special thanks to Kulturprojekte and Berlin Art Week for selecting the Neue Nationalgalerie as the Berlin Art Week Garden and festival meeting point this year. Berlin Art Week Garden - The festival hub hosted at the Neue Nationalgalerie, featuring a temporary artistic installation in collaboration with atelier le balto.

Sound in the Garden is sponsored by Volkswagen Group: Partner of the Nationalgalerie and made possible by the Friends of the Nationalgalerie. The program takes place as part of Berlin Art Week.

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