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KAHO. Raum für Kultur Opens in September and October **Audio walk, guided tour, lecture, exhibition and theatre premiere**

Berlin, 23 June 2022 | The **KAHO. Raum für Kultur** continues its Interim Programme that started in 2021 and will again open its gates in **September** and **October** on four weekends. The cultural location renamed last year by the Stiftung Stadtkultur – it was previously known as Theater Karlshorst – invites the audience before reconstruction begins to **KAHO Interim 2022** in the stage tower. The programme will take place in two parts: from 2 to 4 Sept. and on 11 Sept., the KAHO will participate in two large-scale events (free admission), and from 30 Sept. to 2 Oct. as well as from 7 to 9 Oct., it will present a theatre premiere. The goal of the Interim Programme is to find out during the reconstruction phase, for which types of events the spaces of the KAHO are best suited and in which areas the existing facilities need to be adapted to new requirements. During the course of reconstruction, the former large auditorium with up to 600 seats will gradually be converted into a modularly usable cultural and event location for a variety of formats, ranging from theatre, cinema, concerts, exhibitions and readings all the way to workshops and conferences.

Overview of dates

In the frame of the Lange Nacht der Bilder of the District Administration of Lichtenberg:

Audio walk “Foyer”

by the Berlin performance collective hannsjana

2 Sept. at 8 pm, 3 & 4 Sept. at 4 and 7 pm, registration required at ticket@stiftung-stadtkultur.de

Exhibition and lecture on the reconstruction plans

by the architect’s office dhl-architekten

2 Sept. at 7 and 9.30 pm.

(exhibition continuously open)

In the frame of the Open Monument Day:

Guided tours of the foyer and the stage tower

11 Sept. non-stop from 12 to 6 pm, duration: 20 min.

Theatre premiere of the Kiez-Bühne (Community Theatre)

by Meret Kiderlen

Premiere on 30 Sept. at 8 pm, further performances on 1 & 7 & 8 Oct. at 8 pm and on 2 & 9 Oct., at 4 pm

Event information

On the occasion of the **Lange Nacht der Bilder of the District Administration of Lichtenberg**, the Stiftung Stadtkultur will restage a commissioned production of KAHO Interim 2021 from 2 to 4 Sept.: the **audio walk “Foyer”** by the Berlin performance collective hannsjana, in which a voice is lent to **contemporary witnesses** who visited the listed building in earlier times (2 Sept. at 8 pm, 3. & 4 Sept. at 4 and 7 pm, registration required at ticket@stiftung-stadtkultur.de). During the Lange Nacht der Bilder, the performance is flanked by an **exhibition on the reconstruction plans** (continuously open) and a **lecture by the architect’s office dhl-architekten** (2 Sept. at 7 and 9.30 pm).

During **Open Monument Day** on Sunday, 11 Sept., the Stiftung Stadtkultur will offer 20-minute **guided tours of the foyer and the stage tower** between 12 and 6 pm. The team of the Stiftung Stadtkultur gives an account of the chequered history of the KAHO, a former **house of officers** for the Soviet army and later a **private theatre** in the eastern part of Berlin, whose stage remained unused from 2008 to 2020. “On the search for the lost archive, we met numerous persons for whom the KAHO brought back memories”, says

Pirkko Husemann, the Director of the Stiftung Stadtkultur. "For some, it smells like a Moscow kindergarten inside the KAHO, others are fascinated by the spotlights that were formerly used in the Palace of the Republic, while others again recall the American theatre-maker Robert Wilson, who rehearsed an opera here." A topic of the guided tours is also the challenges posed by the reconstruction of the building to a modularly usable event location, which will presumably be completed in 2025 (no registration required, also in Russian).

Starting in the summer, the Köpenick-based director **Meret Kiderlen** will be working for the KAHO on the construction of a **Kiez-Bühne (Community Theatre)**. For this, she is looking for persons living along the S-Bahn line S3 between Karlshorst and Friedrichshagen who are interested in sharing their memories and observations related to the changing neighbourhood. In the past years, the south-eastern part of Berlin has undergone rapid changes due to the many new residents and the associated building projects. Especially young families are moving from the city centre to greener areas, where they encounter the traces of a chequered history. The Kiez-Bühne will cast a view on the perspectives of long-time residents and newcomers. The theme of the performance is inheriting and bequeathing: What do we want to pass on to future generations? What remains when we leave or are no longer alive?

Interested persons can get in touch at: kaho@stiftung-stadtkultur.de or phone us 030 74773065.

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You can find further information on KAHO Interim 2022 from beginning of August [here](#)
Images and press material on the KAHO are available [here](#).

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On the Stiftung Stadtkultur

The non-profit Stiftung Stadtkultur was founded in April 2018 by the state-owned Berlin housing association HOWOGE. It carries out projects in the areas of culture, education and social affairs with a focus on the Berlin district of Lichtenberg. With its projects for people of different generations and backgrounds, the foundation seeks to facilitate temporary communities, changes in perspective and active participation, thus making a contribution to strengthening the polity in Berlin.



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