

Pop-Kultur

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- The Governing Mayor of Berlin, Michael Müller opens the »Pop-Kultur« Festival

- New Additions to the Lineup: DJ-Set »Summer 08« by Metronomy · Talk: Fatima Al Qadiri and Juliana Huxtable about the gap between lyrical and instrumental music · Talk: Freaks, Cyborgs, Prototypes. About Popkultur and Disability · Talk: Pop and Depression

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Find the complete program and all info at: www.pop-kultur.berlin/program

On August 31st, 2016, Berlin's Governing Mayor Michael Müller will open the second edition of the three-day »Pop-Kultur« festival:

6 locations, 8 stages, more than 80 international artists exclusively present their latest works, thoughts, and visions about Pop in **Berlin-Neukölln** from **August 31st until September 2nd, 2016**. What does currently occupy the different scenes? Numerous movie premieres, DJ-Sets, talks, readings, concerts and further performances, especially crafted for »Pop-Kultur« provide the answers. On top of already announced renowned names such as **Thurston Moore, Fatima Al Qadiri, Selda Bağcan** – and a large number of newcomers, currently stirring the pots, we're adding, even more, highlights to the lineup!

The »Pop-Kultur« leadership team, consisting of **Katja Lucker, Christian Morin,** and **Martin Hossbach,** bring together positions as diverse as possible: **Joseph Mount** and **Metronomy** report back from a prolonged hiatus! Mount presents his

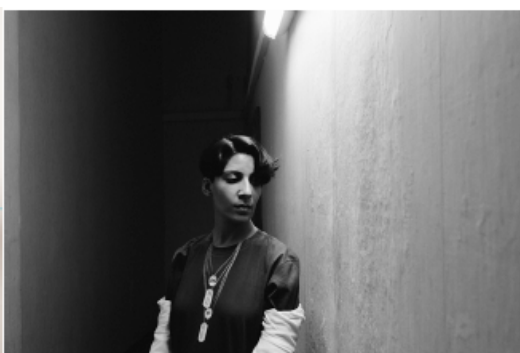
new album »Summer 08« in the form of a DJ-Set – on the »Pop-Kultur« opening night, **August 31st**, the Brit will honor us with his only German show!



Another new entry to the program is a talk about **Pop Culture and Disability**. Guests, such as the Berlin-based MC **Graf Fidi**, Dr. **Heike Raab**, a sociologist with a focus on Disability Studies as well as the Deutschlandradio Kultur editors **Hartwig Vens** and **Dirk Schneider** discuss disability within the Pop discourses under the title »**Freaks, Cyborgs, Prototypes**«. Also freshly confirmed: The American artist and lyricist **Juliana Huxtable**, co-founder of the legendary New York party-series SHOCK VALUE. Huxtable will exchange with **Fatima Al Qadiri** in a talk about the gap between lyrical and instrumental music – and play an explosive DJ-Set.



Graf Fidi



Fatima Al Qadiri



Juliana Huxtable

Moderator **Andreas Müller**, Isolation Berlin's **Tobias Bamborschke** and author **Kathrin Weßling** are joined for a talk on »**Pop and Depression**«. Secretary for Cultural Affairs **Tim Renner** meets **Jens Balzer** to talk about his new book »**POP – ein Panoptikum der Gegenwart (POP – a Collection of Curious in the Present)**« – thus probably also about Helene Fischer and Sunn O))). In another venue, **Ryan Mahan** of **Algiers** discusses the sound (horror) of expropriation and colonization with the journalist **Josh Hall** in a talk called »**Horror and noise in the reproduction of colonialist silence**«, curated by the band itself.

»Pop-Kultur Nachwuchs«

Almost 500 young people from 24 countries – Uruguay, Columbia, India, DR Congo, South Africa, Argentina, Malaysia, the Philippines, Tanzania, Venezuela, Hong Kong, the USA, Great Britain, the Netherlands, Canada, Denmark, Switzerland, Australia, Italy, France, Russia, Poland, Egypt and Germany – applied for »Pop-Kultur Nachwuchs«, the independent format for international young talents, supported by the Goethe-Institut. An expert jury currently picks the 250 participants for the 42 workshops. In two days, they will learn from **Colin Newman (Wire)**, **Lucrecia Dalt**, **Barbara Morgenstern**, **Matthew Herbert** (in collaboration with **Native Instruments**), **Jan Rohlf** from the **CTM Festival** and **Parker Tilghman** from **Yo! Sissy** among others. **James Minor**, the general manager of the **SXSW**, will open »Pop-Kultur Nachwuchs« with a keynote speech.

»Pop-Kultur« will spread throughout Neukölln, from the legendary **SchwuZ**, serving as the festival center. The other venues, reachable by foot, are **Heimathafen Neukölln**, **Huxleys Neue Welt**, **Passage-Kino**, **Keller**, and **Prachtwerk**.

This year the **Vollgutlager** will serve as meeting place for the invited music and culture scene – opened by the **Governing Mayor of Berlin, Michael Müller**, on August 31st. This is where the festival's artists meet up with other international guests and delegates such as **Thomas Sønderby Jepsen** from the **Roskilde Festival**, **Chris Sharp** from the **Barbican**, **Violaine Didiér** from the **Nuits Sonores** and many more, as well as this year's participants of »Pop-Kultur Nachwuchs« , to exchange and network in a relaxed atmosphere.

Moreover, »Pop-Kultur« shows an exhibition of artifacts from **Scott King's** memorial collection, such as Kurt Cobain's lighter, in the **Vollgutlager**. The objects relate to the short movie **»Kurt's Lighter«** by **Paul Kelly**, which will also be screened in the **Vollgutlager**. **»Kurt's Lighter«** explores the way that everyday objects gain an aura and turn into fetish objects after being in contact with stars. The exhibition can be visited free of charge on September 1st and 2nd between 14:30h and 17:30h.

Tickets: Find module tickets at www.pop-kultur.berlin.

Furthermore, there are a few tickets left for the festival eve, when **Mogwai** play the live soundtrack for the movie **»Atomic«** (August 30th, Admiralspalast).

Detailed Info: The complete »Pop-Kultur« lineup can be found at www.pop-kultur.berlin. Further information and **press pictures** are available at www.pop-kultur.berlin/presse/. Journalists with an editorial commission: Please direct inquiries for **press accreditation** for selected »Pop-Kultur« modules to Anika Väth via press@pop-kultur.berlin, +49 170 671 72 91 Musicboard Berlin GmbH, Im silent green Kulturquartier, Gerichtstr. 35, EG links, 13347 Berlin

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