

Pop-Kultur/2020

26.08.20 - 28.08.20

Press release from the 25th August 2020

- Pop-Kultur starts this week with 36 online premieres
- Permanent, free and low-barrier at the pop-kultur.berlin media library
- Catnapp, Mavi Phoenix, Noga Erez, The Notwist, Ace Mahbaz, Ted Gaier and more
- Including audio descriptions, subtitles, simple language

It's on! The Pop-Kultur festival starts this week from the **26th to the 28th of August**, each day at **20:20**, for free and **online** at www.pop-kultur.berlin. "We're looking forward to a wide range of contemporary perspectives and a festival that we see, as a whole, as a valuable documentation of the times, accessible for years to come in the media library," says co-curator **Christian Morin**. He's referring to the 36 audiovisual works that have been realised in Berlin and around the world and are now celebrating their premiere online.



"Pop-Kultur is a place for everyone, and for our digital edition, we've filled our content with corresponding themes and life," says **Katja Lucker**, festival director and CEO of Musicboard Berlin. Because Pop-Kultur is pursuing goals of inclusivity, offering an accessible programme with, for

example, multilingual subtitles, information in simple language, audio descriptions and contributions in German Sign Language. The concise **Pop-Kultur Shows I, II and III** help viewers create a festival schedule of their own: "Watching these distillations is like festival guests curiously checking out different stages until they decide which works they want to delve deeper into," says co-curator **Martin Hossbach** of the structure and the Pop-Kultur media library, where all individual contributions will remain available at their full lengths - free of charge and permanently.

On the first day of Pop-Kultur, there are a few old acquaintances with brand new material to share. **Noga Erez**, **Hendrik Otremba**, the RambaZamba-Theater house band **21 Downbeat**, the Hamburg experimental musician **Preach** and **Yeşim Duman** have already participated in previous editions of the festival. In the **Pop-Kultur Show Part I**, they will meet **The Notwist**, who will present a song from their upcoming album, and **Wanlov the Kubolor** of the Ghanaian duo **FOKN Bois**, who are the focus of the documentary »**Contradict. Ideas for a New World**,« which can also be viewed in the Pop-Kultur programme. They will be joined by **Yugen Blakrok** and **CATNAPP** with their Commissioned Works, the duo **MADANII & LLUCID** and a talk about art, music and crisis in times of the Coronavirus.

On the second day including the **Pop-Kultur Show Part II**, Canadian artist **Jessy Lanzawill** will play us her favourite chord progressions, while Berlin-based **Tellavision** and Tel Aviv-based **Echo** will present the results of their digital, transcontinental residency. Of course, there is plenty more. **Chikiss** will breathe new musical life into avant-garde silent and horror films, **hackedepicciotto** will get remixed live by **Gebrüder Teichmann**, and **Rafael-Evitan Grombelka** will interpret the **ErregungÖffentlicher Erregung** song »Kein Bock auf Frühstück« (»Can't Be Bothered for Breakfast«) in German Sign Language. In addition to these three Commissioned Works, **Pamela Owusu-Brenyah** will discuss the do-it-yourself principles of African festivals with the guests of her talk, while **Theodora**, **Mavi Phoenix**, **Eden Derso**, **SADO OPERA**, **The Düsseldorf Dusterboys** and **24/7 Diva Heaven** will appear with primarily music-oriented contributions.

On the third day with the **Pop-Kultur Show Part III**, **Isolation Berlin** will present music from their upcoming album and **King Khan** his Commissioned Work »Rat-Tribution Now.« Like Khan, **Cartel Madras** hail from Canada and have produced one of the externally produced Digital Works, which have also been provided for this day's programme by multitalents **Evija Vēbere** and **JOJO ABOT** as well as the post-punk duo **Super Besse**, who are based in Minsk and Berlin. In addition to a special performance by the Berlin queer punk band **Eat Lipstick**, a videozine by the duo **Mueran Humanos** and an ambivalent tribute to the city of Berlin by actor **Ace Mahbaz** in German Sign Language, **Mpho Sebina & S.Fidelity** will share the results of their Goethe Residency, while **Ted Gaier** will talk with the author **Claudia Basrawi** about the topics of his essay collection »Argumentepanzer« for his Commissioned Work.

Pop-Kultur 2020

26th-28th August, daily at 20:20 (8:20 p.m. CEST)

Happening online.

SESSIONS [24/7 Diva Heaven](#) / [Eat Lipstick](#) / [Isolation Berlin](#) / [MADANII & LLUCID](#) / [Mavi Phoenix](#) / [The Düsseldorf Dusterboys](#) / [The Notwist](#)

COMMISSIONED WORKS [Ace Mahbaz](#) / [CATNAPP presents »DAMAGE Experience«](#) / [Chikiss presents »Silent Cinema in Modern Sound«](#) / [hackedepicciotto remixed live by Gebrüder Teichmann](#) / [King Khan: »Rat-Tribution Now«](#) / [Preach: »Fathoeburger«](#) / [Rafael-Evitan Grombelka](#)

COMMISSIONED WORKS DIGITAL [Galouchë Galore](#) / [Jammerpunk](#) / [Pop-Kultur Fanfaren](#)

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TALK [»Argumentepanzer«](#): Claudia Basrawi & Ted Gaier / [»Art and Music in Times of Crisis«](#): Dr. Nicole Bührsch, Max Gruber, Milena Fessmann, Pamela Schobeß & Wieland Krämer / [»Do It Yourself: African Music Festivals«](#): Elena Schulz-Görner, Jumoke Adeyanju, Pamela Owusu-Brenyah & Wale Davies / [»Ping Pong Hayat and the Art of Staying Alive«](#): Joana Tischkau, İpek İpekçioğlu, Reyhan Şahin, Ronya Othmann & Yeşim Duman / [»Speaking of Sampling«](#): Azadê Peşmen, Enis Maci, Jesseline Sarkodie & Leyla Yenirce

FILM [»Contradict. Ideas for a New World«](#)

DIGITAL RESIDENCIES Goethe Residency: [Mpho Sebina & S. Fidelity](#) / Digital Residency Tel Aviv-Berlin: [Echo & Tellavision](#)

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