

# MGKSiegen

Museum für Gegenwartskunst Siegen  
Unteres Schloss 1  
57072 Siegen

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Press Release

## For the Birds 4.7.–9.11.25

Birds exert a strong attraction on people. They embody freedom, transcendence, speed and power. The kings of the skies were revered by many cultures as heavenly messengers. There has always been religious, economic, political or scientific interest in the world of birds. They provide us with deeper insights into our world. Birds connect habitats and accompany biological processes. They contribute to the ecosystem and their mere presence in public spaces promotes human well-being.

Based on artistic positions and works from the collections of the Museum für Gegenwartskunst Siegen, "For the Birds" examines the significance of birds in various contexts. "For the Birds" is an exhibition for seeing and hearing. Incorporating a wide variety of media, the works on display link ecological, philosophical, social and political issues. The exhibition is dedicated to the cultural relevance of birds in contemporary artistic narrative spaces.

With contributions by Heba Y. Amin, Yuri Ancarani, Anna Boghiguian, David Claerbout, Chto Delat International, Dominik Eulberg, FORT, Petrit Halilaj & Álvaro Urbano, Anna Jermolaewa, Annika Kahrs, Katia Kameli, Maria Lassnig, Jochen Lempert, Peter Piller, Marianna Simnett, Katja Novitskova, Prateek Vijan and James Webb.

Parts of the exhibition will be shown at the Museum Sinclair-Haus (Bad Homburg) from March 2026.

Curator: Thomas Thiel  
Assistant curator: Jessica Schiefer

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# Press Conference

THU. 3.4. 12 am

For the Birds

With artists of the exhibition, director and curator Thomas Thiel and assistant curator Jessica Schiefer

## Opening

FRI. 4.7. 7 pm

For the Birds

Speakers will be

Prof. Dr. Dr. Thomas Sternberg, president of Kunststiftung NRW

Thomas Thiel, director and curator, MGKSiegen

FRI. 4.7. 8 pm

Performance

She-Pigeon by Selin Davasse

## Program

## Symposium

SAT. 5.7. 11 am–3 pm

For the Birds

11 am “A short flight through art history. A bird's eye view of art”

Lecture by Jessica Ullrich, Deputy Professor of Art History and Aesthetics, Münster Art Academy

12 am Artist talk with Jochen Lempert

Lunch break

2 pm “On life in the air”

Lecture by Cord Riechelmann, biologist and publicist

3 pm Artist talk with Chto Delat International

In German and English spoken language

## Event

SUN. 6.7. 8 am–10 am

Bird tour in the Tiergarten

With professor Klaudia Witte, Department Biology, University of Siegen,  
and Chairwoman of NABU Siegen-Wittgenstein

In cooperation with NABU SIWI

Meeting point at barbecue hut at the Siegen-Weidenau zoo

Free August

THU. 7.8./14.8./21.8./28.8. 11 am–6 pm

Free entrance every Thursday in august

6 pm Free guided tours by the employees of MGKSiegen

In German spoken language

THU. 9.10. 7 pm–10 pm

On Birds Music

A transdisciplinary evening by Dominik Eulberg

with a lecture on birds and ambient music

# Guided tours

THU. 24.7. 6 pm

For the Birds

Exhibition tour with mit curator Jessica Schiefer

In German spoken language

SUN. 9.11. 4 pm

For the Birds

Exhibition tour with director and curator Thomas Thiel

In German spoken language

TUE. 29.7./9.9. 5 pm

For the Birds

Guided tour in English spoken language, 45 min.

WED. 13.8./15.10. 5 pm

For the Birds

Exhibition tour in plain language

With Nicole Kreckel, Head of Education

In German spoken language

Public exhibition tours every Thursday at 12.30 pm and every Sunday at 4 pm.

Individual special tours for groups and individuals can be booked by phone (T +49 271 40577 10) or email ([info@mgksiegen.de](mailto:info@mgksiegen.de)).

You can find more public tours and events for kids, teens and adults accompanying the exhibition at <https://www.mgksiegen.de/en/kalender/>.

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