

ig bildende kunst

Annual report 2017/8 IG Bildende Kunst Austria Union of Visual Artists

Dear colleagues and friends,

since last meeting of IAA Europe our organization has been working further on the topic: "Kunst und Geld" (Art and Money), related to the question of artist and exhibition fees.

Art and Money

We successfully could develop a scheme for artist and exhibition fee payments for our organization and exhibition space, which we officially started to implement in our budget.

In March 2017, we launched an open call for an exhibition on the topic of Art&Money and artist fees, which was addressed to artists and curators living and working in Austria. We selected the project by the Serbian artist group Umetnik*, which was shown in our venue from Nov 15th, 2017 until January 26th, 2018. Another exhibition on this topic will open on November 23d this year, curated by Carla Bobadilla, one of our board members.

We continued with our series of talks called "Frühstücksgespräche" and conducted two of them in the spring and summer 2018 respectively in Graz and Vienna. Continuing our last year's project "Pay the artist now!" we also produced sticker and buttons with this slogan to raise more public awareness on this topic.

One of our biggest working tasks was the organization of a network meeting with other artist's unions and representative bodies in Austria. The meeting took place on 16.11.2018 in Vienna. With the results from the meeting we will start working on a national level for the implementation of artists and exhibition fees in all public funded art institution in Austria.

Social Security issues

IG BILDENDE KUNST continued the successful series Survival Training for artists, in which topics such as social security, artists mobility in the EU, pension, etc. have found a prominent place. During the events experts, fellow artists, advisors give an

insight and first information on these topics.

As members within the Culture Council Austria, we have been working on issues related to social security regulations, and the improvement of the requirements for the emergency fund for artists. Also a national survey regarding the social and economic situation of artists living and working in Austria was launched and conducted in Spring 2018. The outcome has just been released for public discussion and analysis.

New federal government since December 2017

Following the general elections in October 2017, the Austrian People's Party with its newly launched program was nominated to form a government. The party leader Sebastian Kurz entered negotiation with the far-right Freedom's Party and formed a coalition, which officially started working in December 2017. Since then many initiatives and protest forms have been going on. We as an organization have been involved in talks and discussions on different levels, as well participated in a press conference, initiated together with other Unions and representative bodies of artists, filmmakers, cultural workers, etc.

Budget cuts

Due to the new plans and redistribution of funding for art and cultural activities, the state funding for our annual exhibition program has been drastically reduced. After negotiations with various decision makers, we hope to regain this funding for the next financial period 2019/2020.

IAA

We launched a campaign for the recognition of the IAA card in many museums and institutions across Austria, which started in the spring of 2018. Since then we could gain and regain many state or city museums and institutions, which now accept the IAA card.

Architekturzentrum Wien ★ | Gemäldegalerie der Akademie der bildenden Künste ★ | Josephinum | Jüdisches Museum Wien ★ | Kunsthalle | Kunsthistorisches Museum (alle Standorte) | MAK ★ | METRO Kinokulturhaus (Ausstellungen) ★ | mumok | Österreichische Galerie Belvedere (all venues) ★ | Volkskundemuseum Wien ★ | Ars Electronica Linz ★ | Landesgalerie Linz | LENTOS Kunstmuseum | Museum Arbeitswelt Steyr ★ | NORDICO Stadtmuseum Linz ★ | Schlossmuseum Linz ★ | Museum der Moderne Salzburg (beide Häuser) | GrazMuseum ★ | Künstlerhaus, Halle für Kunst & Medien, Graz | Universalmuseum Joanneum (alle Standorte) | Arnulf Rainer Museum, Baden ★ | Forum Frohner, Krems ★ | Karikaturmuseum Krems ★ | Kunsthalle Krems ★ | Museum Gugging ★ | MMKK - Museum Moderner Kunst Kärnten, ★ | TAXISPALAIS Kunsthalle Tirol ★ | Tiroler Landesmuseen (alle Standorte) ★

★ Institutions, which we could gain during the campaign

Personal agenda

On July 13th 2018 we conducted our general assembly. Following board members have been elected: Sheri Avraham (chairperson), Carla Bobadilla, Eva Detschei (secretary), Ezgi Erol (deputy chairperson), Vasilena Gankovska (treasurer) and Paula Pfoser.

Kind regards,

Vasilena Gankovska/Treasurer and gallery spokesperson/

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