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Media Release

Helmhaus Zürich

17 July to 5 September 2021

Media preview: Friday, 16 July 2021, 11 am
Please sign up for the media preview either by mail or by calling the above telephone number.

Opening day: Saturday, 17 July 2021, 11 am–6 pm

City of Zurich Art Grants 2021

The City of Zurich's Visual Arts Department and Helmhaus Zürich are pleased to present the works of those Zurich-based artists who have applied for an Art Grant 2021 and have already taken the hurdle of the first round.

We are happy to announce that applications for the City of Zurich's Art Grants 2021 could once again be adjudicated in the conventional way. Last year, by contrast, the lockdown imposed to contain the pandemic and its consequences for the artists and for everyone else involved in the process resulted in the grant being shared out equally among all those who made it through to the second round. The five jurors adjudicating this year's submissions, however, have been able to draw up a shortlist of the 36 most promising positions. Their creators, each of whom has one work in the show at Helmhaus Zürich, are now in the running either for an art grant or for a studio grant for a residency abroad.

This year's call for entries by the City of Zurich's Cultural Department drew 243 grant applications, 36 of which went through to the second round. The artists selected (among them two duos) were invited to submit one work each to the 2021 exhibition at Helmhaus Zürich organized by Esther Kempf and Navid Tschopp (both members of the City of Zurich's Visual Arts Commission). Alongside grants for specific works, four studio grants for residencies at studios in Paris and Genoa are also to be awarded this year.

The Visual Arts Commission, whose members include the jurors Florian Germann (artist), Sandra Frimmel (art historian) and Sabine Rusterholz Petko (curator), invited the curator Elise Lammer and the artist Maya Rochat to join them on the jury as external guest jurors.

Representatives of both the City's Visual Arts Department and Helmhaus Zürich will be on hand to answer questions at the media preview on 16 July 2021, when the Visual Arts Commission will also be offering guided tours of the show. The exhibition itself will be open to the public at the usual times as of 17 July 2021.

Art education concept/Events

The artists are back! While the artists who “took part” in the Art Grants Show 2020 had to resort to podcasts to be able to talk about their submissions, this year will see the return of the art education format **Das Künstler*innendasein (Artist's Presence)**, where artists will be able to discuss their work and their unique take on reality in person.

“Lieblinge der Herzen”: As in previous years, visitors to the show will be invited to select their own personal favourite. Those three artists whose works arouse most interest among the general public will be invited to talk about them at Helmhaus Zürich on 26 August 2021.

Guides with jurors and other events: For details please consult the enclosed invitation. For up-to-date information please consult our website and follow us on Instagram and Facebook (www.helmhaus.org, facebook.com/helmhauszuerich, Instagram: [@helmhaus_zuerich](https://instagram.com/helmhaus_zuerich)).

For further details of the exhibition and the programme of events, please contact Nathalie Killias at tel. 044 415 56 70 or nathalie.killias@zuerich.ch.

For information on the City of Zurich's patronage of the arts and the grants that it awards, please contact Vanessa Gendre at tel. 044 412 30 31 or vanessa.gendre@zuerich.ch.