



PRESS RELEASE

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The CityLeaks Urban Art Festival in Cologne is taking place this year for the 3rd time from 1st September to 20th September 2015, once again featuring real highlights from the Urban Art scene. This year open calls are inviting participants to join in a variety of projects and interventions taking place throughout the city. The innovative crowdfunding campaign that was launched recently also gives you the opportunity to have your own wall painted by a street artist.

This year's line-up will be featuring some of the most renowned street artists from all over the world, including the Argentinian **Franco Fasoli**, the Dutch graffiti pioneer **Boris Tellegen** and American artist **Axel Void**, as well as the Austrian **Willi Dorner Company**. The festival has invited artists to reflect on the topic of urbanity and to express themselves visually through a variety of genres, including performances, installations and large-scale wall paintings.

During this year's festival you will have the opportunity to have your own wall painted by an artist. The CityLeaks **crowdfunding campaign** aims at bringing together city dwellers and urban artists, allowing you to visualize your ideas together with an artist. So if you have always wished for your very own art work on your facade and want to support the festival, please click on the following link:
<https://www.startnext.com/http-cityleaks-festival-de-1>.

The festival invites for participation in four different projects, allowing you to become part of an urban intervention. As a dancer, parcour runner oder climber you can take part in the spectacular city performance **Bodies in Open Spaces** by **Willi Dorner Company**. **Benjamin Gaulons** workshop **Retail Poisoning** teaches you to counter consumerism by hacking and fracturing virtual spaces. As a member of **Line of Equilibrium** you learn how to find the right balance on a crowded underground train. CityLeaks is also still looking for volunteers to take part in **Dora Garcia**'s performance, which attempts to combine the urban, the virtual and the CityLeaks exhibition space through tweets on urban life.

CityLeaks will be presenting ideas, sponsors and news on this year's festival as well as most of the program highlights at the press conference on **Thurs, 27/08/2015 at 11 am** at the CityLeaks festival centre in Carlswerk-Gelände (Building 403, Kupferwerk) at Schanzenstraße 6-20, 51063 Cologne. Our speakers at the conference include the mayor of the city district Mülheim **Norbert Fuchs** (SPD) and **Nadine Müseler** from the Cultural Office of the City of Cologne. Our main sponsors **Akzo Nobel Deco GmbH** and **GL Verleih NRW GmbH** will also be joining, as well as **Margit Miebach** and **Iren Tonoian** as CityLeaks Festival heads and **Georg Barringhaus** as creative director of the CityLeaks Festival 2015.

We kindly ask you to confirm your participation by 20/08/2015 (see press accreditation).



The Urban Art Festival CityLeaks 2015 is taking place from 1st September to 20th September with a focus on the district Mülheim in Cologne. We will be kicking off with the CityLeaks Congress from 28th to 30th August 2015.

The organizer of the CityLeaks Urban Art Festival is the Cologne art association artrmx e.V. and takes place under the auspices of Gabriele Hammelrath (MdL, SPD).

The festival is being promoted by the Ministry for Family, Children, Youth, Culture and Sport of North Rhine-Westphalia, the Cultural Office of the City of Cologne, the RheinEnergieStiftung Kultur as well as the municipal authorities of the districts Ehrenfeld and Mülheim.

The festival is kindly being supported by our main sponsors Akzo Nobel Deco GmbH, one of the leading global paint and coatings companies and a major producer of speciality chemicals, as well as GL Verleih NRW GmbH, the regional and supra-regional specialist on altitude technology.

The sponsors of the CityLeaks Urban Art Festival 2015 also include Absolut Vodka, Japan Tobacco International, Beck's Pils, Früh Kölsch, A. Ollig GmbH & Co. KG, Montana Cans, the mobility partner KVB as well as traffic safety company step GmbH.

Media partners of the CityLeaks Urban Art Festival 2015 include DRadio Wissen, Stadtrevue, dublab community radio, Köln Tourismus and Rheinische Kultursommer.

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