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Düsseldorf and Photography at Paris Photo 2026

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The photography city Düsseldorf presents photography as an interdisciplinary art form and explores the future of the medium through an extensive accompanying programme.

Marking the 200th anniversary of photography, Düsseldorf will present its work at Paris Photo from 12 to 15 November, with a prominent position in the Digital Sector of the world's leading international photography fair at the Grand Palais. This year's presentation focuses on the ongoing transformation of photography into an interdisciplinary art form. Historically, Düsseldorf has played a decisive role in establishing photography as a medium of fine art. The presentation *Düsseldorf and Photography* will be complemented by a monumental installation by Düsseldorf-based artist Thomas Ruff and an extensive accompanying programme featuring artist talks, book presentations and events in collaboration with the Goethe-Institut Paris. With this presentation, the photographic city reaffirms its identity as a hub for networking, synergies and critical discourse.

Initiated by the Düsseldorf Commission for the Photography City (Kommission Fotostadt Düsseldorf), *Düsseldorf and Photography* presents contemporary artistic positions from the city, based on recommendations from curators working at local museums, private collections and within the independent art scene. Photography emerges here as material, object, process and generative neural network.

"Within artistic processes, photography is increasingly being employed as an element that contextualises media within installation-based practices. Our exhibition at Paris Photo presents this development and its implications for contemporary and future understandings of the medium."

Stephan Macháč, Düsseldorf Office of Cultural Affairs (Kulturamt Düsseldorf)

Düsseldorf provides a historically established infrastructure for artistic photography and will become the future home of the **German Photography Institute (Deutsches Fotoinstitut)**. The development of photography at the Düsseldorf Art Academy, the framework of museums, collections, galleries and universities, as well as the activities of independent initiatives, have contributed to the formation of a photographic field with international recognition. ***Düsseldorf and Photography*** takes this history as its starting point for an exploration of contemporary artistic perspectives.

Selection Jury

Esther Breinig & Katharina Wettwer (Kunst- und Kulturstiftung der Stadtsparkasse Düsseldorf)
Dr Linda Conze (Kunstpalast)
Dr Jana Johanna Haeckel (düsseldorf photo+)
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Robert Schulte (Julia Stoschek Foundation)
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The accompanying programme of *Düsseldorf and Photography*

"Get-together with *Düsseldorf and Photography*"

11 November 2026, from 11:11 am, Paris Photo, Grand Palais, E30
Meet the Artists and Dr Jana Johanna Haeckel, curator of the *düsseldorf photo+* biennial

The State Capital of Düsseldorf invites visitors to a Meet the Artists event combining Rhineland conviviality with international artistic exchange. To mark the traditional start of the Carnival season, the occasion will be celebrated with Düsseldorf Altbier rather than champagne. Alongside numerous participating artists, Dr Jana Johanna Haeckel will be present to offer an initial insight into the curatorial concept for the 2027 edition of the *düsseldorf photo+* biennial, which will explore corporeality and expanded image-making practices.

Paris Photo, Grand Palais:

- **Thomas Ruff** at the Grand Palais:
  A major figure in Düsseldorf's photographic art scene will create a large-scale wall installation in the entrance area of the fair in collaboration with five international galleries.
- **Conversations:** *Thomas Ruff. Artistic Practice as Expanded Theory*, Talk with Florian Ebner
  Auditorium | Thursday, 12 November, 2:00–3:00 pm
- **Book signing** *Thomas Ruff: Porträts*
  Mörel, J10 | Thursday, 12 November, 3:15 pm

- **Conversations:** *Thomas Demand in conversation with Pablo Larios*
  Auditorium | Friday, 13 November, 6:30–7:30 pm
- **Book signing** *Hannah Darabi, Why Don't You Dance?*
  Ithaque, B55 | Thursday, 12 November, 2:00 pm
- **Book signing** *Jessica Tille*
  Düsseldorf and Photography stand, E30 | Thursday, 12 November, 3:00 pm
- **Book signing** *Hannah Darabi, Why Don't You Dance?*
  Kodoji, C59 | Friday, 13 November, 3:00 pm
- **Book signing** *Katja Stuke, Trees in Ukraine*
  Spector Books, K03 | Friday, 13 November, 5:00 pm
- **Book signing** *Helmut Schweizer, Handlungen/Actions*
  Spector Books, K03 | Friday, 13 November, 6:00 pm
- **Book signing** *Alex Grein*
  Düsseldorf and Photography stand, E30

Goethe-Institut Paris, 17 Avenue d'Iéna, 75016 Paris:

- **Opening: 12 November, 7:00 pm**
  Recent works by students from the classes of Professor Josephine Pryde and Professor Peter Piller at the Düsseldorf Art Academy
- **Morning talk: 13 November, 11:00 am**
  With Professor Josephine Pryde, Professor Peter Piller and Dr Jana Johanna Haeckel
- **Book display featuring publications** by the artists presented at Paris Photo

Book presentations in Paris:

- **Helmut Schweizer in conversation with Steffen Siegel:**
  Helmut Schweizer: Handlungen / Actions
  Librairie sans titre, 143 avenue Parmentier, 75010 Paris | Wednesday, 11 November, 7:00 pm
- **Book presentation** *Katja Stuke, Trees in Ukraine*
  As part of an exhibition and presentation by Spector Books:
  Librairie sans titre, 143 avenue Parmentier, 75010 Paris | Wednesday, 11 November, 7:00 pm
- **Book launch Böhm Kobayashi** (Katja Stuke & Oliver Sieber)
  Delpire & co, 13 rue de l'Abbaye, 75006 Paris | Thursday, 12 November, 6:00 pm
- **Böhm Kobayashi** (Katja Stuke & Oliver Sieber)
  At Polycopies, Bateau Concorde-Atlantique – Berges de Seine, Port de Solférino, 75007 Paris
  Saturday, 14 November, 11:00 am–9:00 pm / Sunday, 15 November, 11:00 am–7:00 pm

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