



Fotografieprojekte  
Frankfurt/RheinMain

## Press Release

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### **RAY is coming back! From June to September 2015 Frankfurt/RheinMain once again celebrates photography**

After the successful premiere of the RAY Fotografieprojekte Frankfurt/RheinMain in 2012, RAY 2015 will feature outstanding positions of contemporary photography in Frankfurt and the region. Initiated by the Kulturfonds Frankfurt Rhein/Main, RAY 2015 combines the expertise of the collections and institutions in the region through this unique collaboration. This places RAY within the ranks of significant international photography festivals.

Dr. Helmut Müller, CEO of Kulturfonds Frankfurt RheinMain about the project: "Following the initiative of the Kulturfonds Frankfurt RheinMain the RAY Fotografieprojekte Frankfurt/RheinMain was created in 2010. Its first edition was a widely recognized national and international success. The intense collaboration between these important institutions and collections that promote the medium of photography will once again strengthen Frankfurt and the RheinMain region as an influential epicenter of photography and further broaden its recognition on an international level. I very much look forward to the continuation of the success story RAY in the year 2015."

From June to September 2015 the RAY Fotografieprojekte Frankfurt/RheinMain will be presented, observed and discussed at over 12 locations in Frankfurt and the RheinMain region. In addition to the **central exhibition IMAGINE REALITY** this edition of RAY will commission several **new and exclusive productions** that will be featured at the partnering venues.

Together, the MMK Museum für Moderne Kunst Frankfurt am Main, the Museum Angewandte Kunst and the Fotografie Forum Frankfurt will be the venues for the main exhibition IMAGINE REALITY. The featured positions as well as the new productions will focus on the transitions between documentary, photo-journalistic, applied and fine art photography. RAY 2015 shows how photography produces new realities in addition to capturing reality.

The photographic applications vary as much as the history of photography itself and reflect the transformation of the medium: analogue photographic processes and new methods, made possible by technological change, are used in equal measure within current art photography. Artists including Abelardo Morell and John Stezaker apply traditional image processing such as camera obscura or collage techniques. Photographers such as Vivianne Sassen and Barbara Kasten initially compose their subjects three-dimensionally with light, shadow and perspective. This results in new spatial layers and other unexpected correlations. The expansion of photography through scientific and digital processes results in explorations of artists such as Beate Gütschow or Trevor Paglen who deal with processes of transformation that originate from individual fragments of reality.

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Curators of the partnering Frankfurt institutions and collections, which specialize in photography are again developing the **central exhibition of RAY 2015 IMAGINE REALITY**. Luminita Sabau, spokesperson of the RAY Fotografieprojekte Frankfurt/RheinMain: “RAY 2015 assembles cutting edge positions of art with photography. Internationally acclaimed artists as well as newcomers will present their subjective image worlds for a period of three months in Frankfurt and the region. RAY 2015 will demonstrate a kaleidoscope of images of utopias and dystopias, worlds that juxtapose, compliment, negate or merge with each other. Now RAY Fotografieprojekte Frankfurt/RheinMain can firmly take its place as a triennial within the cultural landscape and radiate important incentives beyond the region.”

RAY 2015 will not only collaborate with important institutions and collections of the RheinMain region but will additionally engage a broad public through university collaborations and a diverse art education program.

RAY 2015 is an initiative of the Kulturfonds Frankfurt RheinMain, Art Collection Deutsche Börse, Darmstädter Tage der Fotografie, Sammlung Deutsche Bank, DZ BANK Kunstsammlung, Fotografie Forum Frankfurt, Frankfurter Kunstverein, MMK Museum für Moderne Kunst Frankfurt am Main and Museum Angewandte Kunst in cooperation with partners in Wiesbaden, Hanau, Hofheim and Rüsselsheim.

**Artists of the exhibition IMAGINE REALITY (preliminary list)**

Barbara Breitenfellner (\*1969 AT/DE), David Claerbout (\*1969 NL/DE), Jonas Dahlberg (\*1970 SE), Hans Op de Beeck (\*1969 BE), Cristina de Middel (\*1975 ES), Joan Fontcuberta (\*1954 ES), João Maria Gusmão & Pedro Paiva (\*1979/\*1977 PT), Beate Gütschow (\*1970 DE), Barbara Kasten (\*1936 US), Cinthia Marcelle (\*1974 BR), Maix Mayer (\*1960 DE), Abelardo Morell (\*1948 CU/US), Trevor Paglen (\*1974 US), Viviane Sassen (\*1972 NL), Kathrin Sonntag (\*1981 DE), John Stezaker (\*1949 GB), Jan Tichy (\*1974 CZ), Sascha Weidner (\*1975 DE) and many more.

**Curators**

Anne-Marie Beckmann (Art Collection Deutsche Börse), Peter Gorschlüter (MMK Museum für Moderne Kunst), Jule Hillgärtner (independent curator), Alexandra Lechner (Darmstädter Tage der Fotografie), Celina Lunsford (Fotografie Forum Frankfurt) und Matthias Wagner K (Museum Angewandte Kunst).



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**Exhibition *IMAGINE REALITY***

20.6. – 20.9.2015

**Publication**

RAY 2015 will be accompanied by an extensive catalogue published by Hatje Cantz Verlag.

**Admission:**

RAY 2015 main exhibition in the Fotografie Forum Frankfurt, MMK Museum für Moderne Kunst und Museum Angewandte Kunst  
Regular € 12 (reduced € 6)

**Interviews**

We are at your service for arranging interviews with curators and artists of RAY 2015 as well as other inquiries. Please send an email with your inquiry to [presse@ray2015.de](mailto:presse@ray2015.de) or contact us by telephone at +49 (0)69 212 46722.

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