

## Press Release

22 May 2018

**24 – 31 May 2018**

**19th poesiefestival berlin, Akademie der Künste, Hanseatenweg**

Exhibitions, readings, performances, concerts, workshops

From 24 to 31 May 2018, under the title “Values Verse Art”, Haus für Poesie invites international poets to attend the 19th poesiefestival berlin, to examine values through the art of verse and bring them to the stage as poetry. Berlin galleries and collections are presenting their treasures of concrete, visual and sound poetry, which constitute one of the focuses of the festival. This also includes the archives of the Akademie der Künste and its studio for electro-acoustic music.

In addition to this, a “World Climate Summit of Poetry” will be held for the very first time, along with the long-running “Poetry Market” with readings and publishing house stands. Poet Elke Erb is to give this year's Berlin lecture on poetry with the title “The Poem Is What It Does”. There will also be a colloquium titled “Arrière-gardes. Concrete Poetry Redux” with Eugen Gomringer. Both Erb and Gomringer are members of the Akademie der Künste.

The festival, which has been organised in cooperation with the Akademie der Künste, will open with “Weltklang – Night of Poetry”, the multilingual panorama of international poetry.

With Charles Bernstein (United States), Robert Forster (Australia), Jorge Kanese (Paraguay), Katalin Ladik (Hungary/Serbia), Ketty Nivyabandi (Belgium/Burundi), Kerstin Preiwuß (Germany), Yoko Tawada (Germany/Japan) feat. Joachim Heintz (Germany), Eugeniusz Tkaczyszyn-Dycki (Poland) and Søren Ulrik Thomsen (Denmark).

The 19th poesiefestival berlin is a project by the Haus für Poesie in co-operation with the Akademie der Künste and acknowledges the kind support of the Capital Cultural Fund and Maritim proArte Hotel Berlin, and is presented by kulturradio rbb, tip Berlin, taz, BÜCHERmagazin and Deutschlandfunk Kultur.

Programme available at: [www.haus-fuer-poesie.org](http://www.haus-fuer-poesie.org)

Unless otherwise stated, all events will be taking place at the Akademie der Künste, Hanseatenweg 10, 10557 Berlin-Tiergarten.

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