

## Press Release

5 September 2023

### **“Long Night of Exile” at the Akademie der Künste**

Talks, presentations, readings

8 September 2023, starting at 6 pm, Hanseatenweg, free admission  
with Jeanine Meerapfel, Lothar Dittmer, André Schmitz, Herta Müller, Parastou Forouhar, Bibiana Beglau, Peter Jordan and many others

The far-reaching consequences of exile and emigration for artists are the focus of the “Long Night of Exile” on 8 September 2023.

The welcome address by Akademie President Jeanine Meerapfel will be followed by an opening speech by Herta Müller, recipient of the Nobel Prize for Literature and member of the Akademie der Künste. Talks, readings, presentations and music bridge the experiences of emigration during the National Socialist era to present day themes. The evening at the Akademie der Künste on Hanseatenweg marks the start of the event series “Days of Exile” that is taking place in Berlin for the first time.

As part of the extensive programme, an event beginning at 9:45 pm features the actress Bibiana Beglau, Akademie member since 2014, and the actor Peter Jordan as they read from letters, works and diaries written by artists in exile whose archives are located at the Akademie der Künste. These include Ralph Benatzky, Elisabeth Bergner, Bertolt Brecht, Georg Grosz, Alfred Kerr, Oskar Kokoschka, Heinrich Mann, Anna Seghers, Bruno Taut, Helene Weigel and Arnold Zweig.

With over 300 bequests and collections, the Akademie der Künste has one of the largest exile archives on art and literature in any German-speaking country. On the occasion of the “Days of Exile” taking place in Berlin on 28 September and 6 October 2023, additional tours, presentations and talks will take place at the various archive locations, providing insights into the bequests of exiled artists, from Ellen Auerbach to Arnold Zweig.

The “Long Night of Exile” is organised in cooperation with the Körber-Stiftung and the Stiftung Exilmuseum Berlin. Akademie President Jeanine Meerapfel welcomes the collaboration: “Art and exile is an integral theme for the Akademie der Künste. It has long shaped our programme and our educational work – the Akademie serves as place of memory, but also provides an open and protected space for artistic work and exchange. However, it is not just about creating a space where artists can come together and present their work. It is also about enabling concrete, direct assistance for those whose artistic freedom is currently being curtailed or threatened by the social and political situation in their home countries.”

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**Event information**

**Long Night of Exile**

Talks, presentations, readings

Friday, 8 September 2023, 6 pm

Akademie der Künste, Hanseatenweg 10, 10557 Berlin

In German

Free admission

Full programme: [hier](#)

**Guided tours & literary salon**

**Days of Exile**

Guided tours and readings

Thursday, 28 September 2023, 7 pm

Anna-Seghers-Museum

Anna-Seghers-Str. 81

12489 Berlin

In German

Tours offered every hour from 10 am to 4 pm

Admission €6/4

Limited number of participants

Registration: [annaseghersmuseum@adk.de](mailto:annaseghersmuseum@adk.de)

Further information is available at [hier](#)

**Art and Exile. The Archives of the Akademie der Künste**

**Days of Exile**

Guided tours, presentations, talks

Friday, 6 October 2023, 1 pm to 5 pm

Various Akademie der Künste Archive locations

In German

Free admission, limited number of participants

Further information is available at [hier](#)

Additional information on the full programme: [www.tagedesexils.de](http://www.tagedesexils.de)

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