

# Countdown to NEU NOW 2016

Only two weeks before the eighth edition

*For the eighth edition, NEU NOW – an initiative by ELIA (European League of Institutes of the Arts) – returns with an even stronger focus on presenting the work of exceptional emerging talents advancing from art academies across Europe and beyond.*

## NEU NOW Highlights

NEU NOW brings together 60 artists from 18 countries presenting the most recent developments taking place within the world of contemporary art. NEU NOW 2016 welcomes exceptional emerging talents advancing from art academies across Europe and beyond. This year's rising stars include Dutch documentary maker **Sophie Dros**, nominated for this year's Student Oscar, photographer **Viktorija Eksta** (LV), whose work was recently featured in the Guardian and **Hsu Chen Wei Dance Company** (TW), whose dance performance at Edinburgh Festival Fringe received international praise.

**NEU NOW performance** will be hosting an exciting array of performance arts, including theatre, dance and concerts. With two or more performances happening daily, this year's line-up includes a raucous theatre piece by Swiss duo **Destiny's Children**, a concert by avant-garde pop band **Jo Goes Hunting** (NL), the multi-layered performance *Suitable* by **Nína Sigridur Hjalmarsdottir** and a site-specific performance piece by **Topos Kolektiv** in the Gashouder ponds.

This year, NEU NOW is excited to present a brand new programme element, **NEU NOW nacht**. Inviting visitors to enjoy the various installations, performances and artworks after hours, this special late-night celebration will take place on Saturday the 17th of September onsite at the Westergasfabriek.

In addition to drinks provided by Warsteiner, NEU NOW is proud to present the musical performance by above mentioned Jo Goes Hunting and deadHYPE. For art enthusiasts, NEU NOW exhibition will stay open until late.

Complementing the core programme, **NEU NOW next** invites visitors to delve deeper into their understanding of the presented artworks and artistic practices by getting involved in a variety of **Artist Talks** offered onsite at the Westergasfabriek. Artist Talks by the performing artists will take place after their performances, whilst the artists working in the visual arts, design and

architecture will share their insights and creative practices on Sunday the 18th of September at 13.30 in the Machinegebouw. The Artist Talks for the NEU NOW film programme will take place after the screening on Sunday the 18th of September at 19.00 in the Ketelhuis.

NEU NOW is also proud to present its very first **Speaker's Programme**, during which a variety of influencers from the art world will talk about the ever-pressing issue of *(Making a) Living in the Arts*. Speakers include Ron Mandos (Director, Galerie Ron Mandos), Yvonne van Ulden (Managing Director, KLIK! Animation Film Festival), Ioana Tudor (Artistic Leader, Theater en Productiehuis De Generator) and cultural pioneers deadHYPE.

The Speaker's Programme and Artist Talks are free of charge.

### **Tickets are now available**

Tickets for NEU NOW 2016 are now available. Visitors can skip the lines and get special early bird and student discounts by booking their tickets online now.

Tickets to the NEU NOW performances, NEU NOW film, NEU NOW nacht and the corresponding artist talks are available online and onsite at the NEU NOW box office located in the Westergastheater (Pazzanistraat 15).

Follow this link to buy tickets now: [Get Tickets](#).

## Editor's Note

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## NEU NOW Press Preview

Join us Wednesday the 14th of September at 16.30 for an exclusive preview of the NEU NOW exhibition and a selection of NEU NOW performances in the spaces of the Westergasfabriek. Artists and makers will be present and introduced by the festival's director Carla Delfos.

Please e-mail to [rsvp@neunow.eu](mailto:rsvp@neunow.eu) to attend the press preview.

All NEU NOW performances, NEU NOW nacht and NEU NOW next are free for press. Please e-mail [maxi@neunow.eu](mailto:maxi@neunow.eu) to request tickets.

## Opening Hours NEU NOW exhibition

Wednesday 14 Sept: 20.00 – 22.00  
Thursday 15 Sept: 12.00 – 22.00  
Friday 16 Sept: 12.00 – 22.00  
Saturday 17 Sept: 11.00 – 22.30  
Sunday 18 Sept: 11.00 – 21.00

## Empowering Europe's Emerging Artists

NEU NOW is Amsterdam's international art festival devoted to presenting the work of exceptional emerging talents advancing towards their international careers from art academies across Europe and beyond. A selection of artists from a plurality of cultural and artistic perspectives is brought together to show their work. NEU NOW highlights the fluid character of the artistic disciplines to present a programme in which exhibitions, performances, workshops, films and artist talks converge to provide new perspectives and future opportunities.

Previous editions of NEU NOW were held in Vilnius, Tallinn, Nantes, Porto, Amsterdam and Glasgow. In 2015 the festival returned to Amsterdam, where it found a permanent home.

NEU NOW is an initiative of ELIA – European League of Institutes of the Arts.

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