



# NEU NOW Returns with Fresh Talent

## Amsterdam's International Art Festival Announces this Year's Selected Artists

NEU NOW, the transdisciplinary art festival devoted to presenting the work of emerging artists returns to Amsterdam's Westergasfabriek from **14–17 September 2017**. For this year's edition the international jury selected a fresh batch of exceptional artists graduating from art academies across Europe and beyond. During NEU NOW 2017 they will present their work and participate in a programme that is designed to empower emerging talents.

### Empowering Exceptional Talent

NEU NOW is Amsterdam's only art festival devoted to presenting emerging artists from **all** disciplines. As such, we encourage and promote the fluid character of the artistic disciplines and present a programme in which exhibitions, performances, workshops, screenings and artist talks converge to provide new perspectives. All activities are aimed at creating future opportunities and empowering the selected artists in making a living from the arts. To ensure the maximum impact of our programme, selected talents are recent graduates of one of the major higher arts education institutions & universities of the [ELIA](#) network.

Successful artists who participated in past editions include [Sophie Dros \(NL\)](#), [Robert Glas \(NL\)](#), [Reber Dosky \(NL\)](#), [Nina Gantz \(BE\)](#), [Vika Eksta \(LV\)](#), [Darek Fortas \(PL\)](#) and the [International Gastronomical Society \(CH\)](#).

### A Rigorous Selection Process

The Call for Artists for NEU NOW 2017 closed with a record number of nominations. A [jury of leading international arts professionals](#) reviewed the submitted works to make their recommendations for selection. Each discipline is reviewed by three professionals from the field, resulting in a total of 16 jury members. The selection process is a rigorous one. Judging criteria for the submitted artworks include: an engagement with and a bold contribution to the leading practices in the international field of its discipline; that the work is likely to stimulate the interest of art professionals and audience alike; that it contributes to the presentation of a diverse range within the category.

The final selection is made by NEU NOW's artistic directors Paula Crabtree (Vice Chancellor, Stockholm University of Arts, Sweden) and Anthony Dean (Dean of Cultural Engagement, University of Winchester, UK).

### Building on a Rich Tradition

During the past eight editions NEU NOW has presented works of over 750 international talents from all disciplines and an array of international art schools. Since its founding in 2009 the event traveled to Vilnius, Tallinn, Nantes, Porto, Amsterdam and Glasgow. In 2015 we returned to Amsterdam, where we found a permanent home.

More information about NEU NOW 2017 can be found here: [neunow.eu](http://neunow.eu).  
For an overview of past participating artists, please visit [nxt-creatives.eu](http://nxt-creatives.eu).

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## Participating Artists NEU NOW 2017

DESIGN/ARCHITECTURE	VISUAL ARTS
Rudolf Weiss Burg Giebichenstein University of Art and Design Halle (DE)	Araks Sahakyan Ecole Nationale Supérieure d'Arts de Paris- Cergy (FR)
FILM/ANIMATION	David Lados Moholy-Nagy University of Art and Design (HU)
Agnieszka Waszczeniuk University of Fine Arts in Poznań (PL)	Didi Lehnhausen Gerrit Rietveld Academie (NL)
Chi Wai Cheong Taipei National University of the Arts (TW)	Emma Roey LUCA School of Arts (BE)
Noemi Valentiny Tomas Bata University in Zlín (CZ)	Ieva Grigelionyte Iceland Academy of the Arts (IS)
Otto Banovits Stockholm University of the Arts (SE)	Laurent Delom Royal Academy of Fine Arts Antwerp (BE)
Sebastian Mulder HKU University of the Arts Utrecht (NL)	Lea-Nina Fischer Bern University of the Arts (CH)
THEATRE/DANCE	Park Hyo Jae Académie Royale des Beaux-Arts (BE)
Astrit Ismaili Amsterdam University of the Arts (NL)	Roma Auskalnyte University of the Arts Helsinki (FI)
Emilie Gregersen, Naya Moll, Rebecka Berchtold & Riikka Laurilehto The Danish National School of Theatre and Contemporary Dance (DK)	Sára Erzsébet Timár Moholy-Nagy University of Art and Design (HU)

Enis Turan The Cologne University of Music (DE)	Sophie Erlandsson Konstfack, University College of Arts, Crafts and Design (SE)
Franco Cortez Oslo National Academy of the Arts (NO)	Stefan Klein Athens School of Fine Arts (GR)
Sophie Erlandsson University College of Arts, Crafts and Design (SE)	Stefanie Koemeda University of Applied Arts Vienna (AT)
Laurent Delom Royal College of Art (UK)	Victoria Grin Ecole Cantonale d'Art du Valais (CH)
Lester Arias Vizcuña & Niklas Blomberg Amsterdam University of the Arts (NL)	MUSIC/SOUND
Yoanna Blikman & Dan Robert Lahiani Jerusalem Academy of Music and Dance (IL)	Julie Rokseth & Andreas Rokseth Codarts University for the Arts (NL)
Zehra Proch Royal Academy of Fine Arts (BE)	

The list of participating artists and their artwork is [available online](#).

### Europe's Emerging Artists

NEU NOW is Amsterdam's transdisciplinary art festival devoted to presenting the work of exceptional emerging artists. Every year, our international jury selects the best of graduating artists across Europe. We nurture the fluid character of the artistic disciplines by showcasing a cross section of exciting developments on the contemporary art scene through a programme in which exhibitions, performances, workshops and artist talks converge to provide new perspectives.

Our mission: to empower artists and provide meaningful opportunities for the development of artists, creatives and visitors alike.

In addition to the main event in September and the [NEU NOW Online Showcase](#), we support emerging artists throughout the year. NEU NOW operates as a platform promoting artistic excellence and creating an (inter)national springboard for artists of the future. Select artists are invited to show their work and participate in residencies with partners of NEU NOW including Foam Fotografiemuseum Amsterdam, Prix Europa Berlin and more.

NEU NOW is an initiative of [ELIA – European League of Institutes of the Arts](#).

### Partners

Creative Europe Programme of the European Union  
Westergasfabriek Amsterdam  
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Stockholm University of the Arts  
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