

VARIOUS OTHERS

Contemporary Art Munich

May 14–24 2026

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Press Release

Various Others 2026

May 14 – 24, 2026

Opening Weekend: May 14 – 17, 2026

Starting on May 14, 2026, Various Others, with its 39 participating venues in Munich, will hold the ninth edition of the festival. The city's art scene will be activated by a dozen of guest galleries, guest curators, over 250 artists and many other international guests, who will contribute to VO's rich program. Visitors to Munich this year can look forward to openings, talks, guided tours, performances, parties, receptions, lectures and much more.

Established in 2017, Various Others is Munich's international festival for contemporary art. The initiative aims to showcase the diversity and quality of Munich's art scene, as well as promoting international exchange. VO emphasizes cooperation, both among the 17 Munich galleries, 16 institutions and 6 artist-run spaces involved, and with national and international guests, including galleries, institutions, independent spaces, curators and, of course, the artists presenting in Munich.

We are pleased to welcome two new participating **VO galleries**, as the recently inaugurated Munich branch of Galerie Friese and Behncke Gallery will be part of VO'26. As collaboration lies at the heart of Various Others, we are thrilled to announce the following partnerships: max goelitz (Hauser & Wirth), Lohaus Sominsky (Kamel Mennour, Paris), Behncke Gallery (Sexauer, Berlin), Knust Kunz Gallery Editions (Bernard Jacobson Gallery, London) Galerie Friese (Bildlabor Kleistpark, Berlin), Galerie Rüdiger Schöttle (Travesía Cuatro, Madrid), Kraupa-Tuskany Zeidler (T293, Rome) and Walter Storms (Dirimart, Istanbul). Christine Mayer has invited printers and publishers to complement her presentation. Others, such as nouveaux deuxdeux, Françoise Heitsch (Beral Madra) and Jahn und Jahn (Matthew James Holman) are collaborating with international curators on their shows. Britta Rettberg and Sperling will present duo solo exhibitions with guest artists, and the solo shows at Paulina Caspari, JO VAN DE LOO and Deborah Schamoni will complete this year's gallery program.

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pip and EYES ONLY are recent additions to the **VO artist-run spaces**. This year, their programs feature several strong collaborations: EYES ONLY is showing work by Karin Sander (Esther Schipper), GiG Munich is teaming up with the Munich-based gallery The Tiger Room once again, and Space n.n. hosts AlmResidency. pip is collaborating with Frankfurter Hauptschule and will be a guest at Studio D40. Nebyula hosts Feiertag (Kassel) and is showing a group exhibition at SOSOSO Space. Milchstraße 4 is also presenting a collaborative project.

This May, many participating **institutions** will be inaugurating new exhibitions and preparing captivating events for VO. Museum Brandhorst will open a comprehensive group show called "Carrying", and Haus der Kunst will present a new edition of their Tune sound residency series. After undergoing renovations, Museum Villa Stuck will reopen with no less than four new exhibitions, the Lenbachhaus will open a group exhibition "A Long-Distance Call: Scenes from the Weimar Republic", and Pinakothek der Moderne will return to Herrenchiemsee Palace with the second part of "Are We Still Up to It?" – Art & Democracy. beacon will show an exhibition with works from the collection and numerous other institutions, including the ERES Foundation, Espace Louis Vuitton München, Sammlung Goetz, Kunstraum München, Kunstverein München, Lothringer 13, Metropol Kunstraum, NS-Dokumentationszentrum München, Kunsthalle München, and Salta Art, will participate by hosting exciting events to accompany their current exhibitions.

This year, the **VO Special** complements the diverse program of the VO venues, providing ample opportunity to explore Munich's art world and local life. Drawing inspirations from Jan Hoet's "Chambers d'Amis" and situated at the intersection of art and technology, "Vectors" will transform select corporate spaces into temporary exhibition spaces. This exhibition, which takes the form of a walking tour, will be curated by a group of international curators, each of whom will oversee a specific venue. Further details about this year's VO Special will be released soon.

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VARIOUS OTHERS (VO) is the international festival format of VFAMK e.V. VO initiates cooperations and promotes international exchange between private galleries, public institutions, between the local art scene and international actors, and, of course, between Munich's audience and guests from around the world. Since its founding, the broad anchoring in the city, combined with international orientation and openness, has made Various Others an incomparable art experience. For 10 days, Munich welcomes artists, curators, and art enthusiasts and invites them to experience Munich's diversity, hospitality, and special characteristics up close. In addition to the 39 Munich participants, more than a dozen institutional guests and numerous curators are participating this year. Together, over 250 artists present themselves within the framework of Various Others, offering a varied program that provides a comprehensive experience of Munich's art scene.

Furthermore, since 2024, VFAMK e.V. also operates Filter Munich (<https://filter-munich.com/>), a website and physical map providing year-round information about contemporary art in Munich. Filter Munich is accompanied by a newsletter that provides monthly information about events in more than 50 Munich galleries, institutions, and artist-run spaces. Both formats enjoy not only steadily growing interest from Munich's participants, as well as long-term support from private individuals and companies. (<https://variousothers.com/partner>), making Various Others a truly unique initiative.

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Participants VO'26:

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Behncke Gallery hosts Sexauer (Berlin)

Museum Brandhorst

Paulina Caspari

ERES Stiftung

Espace Louis Vuitton München

EYES ONLY hosts Esther Schipper (Berlin, Paris, Seoul)

Galerie Friese hosts Bildlabor Kleistpark (Berlin)

GiG Munich at The Tiger Room (Munich)

max goelitz invites Hauser & Wirth

Sammlung Goetz

Haus der Kunst

FRANÇOISE HEITSCH hosts Beral Madra (Istanbul)

Jahn und Jahn hosts Matthew James Holman (New York)

Knust Kunz Gallery Editions hosts Bernard Jacobson Gallery (London)

Kraupa-Tuskany Zeidler hosts T293 (Rome)

Kunsthalle München

Kunstraum München

Kunstverein München

Lenbachhaus München

LOHAUS SOMINSKY hosts Kamel Mennour (Paris)

JO VAN DE LOO

Lothringer 13

GALERIE CHRISTINE MAYER hosts Handsiebdruckerei Berlin, Harpune Verlag Vienna,

Edition Linn Heidelberg

Metropol Kunstraum

Milchstrasse 4

NEBYULA hosts Feiertag (Kassel) at SOSOSO Space (Munich)

nouveaux deuxdeux

NS-Dokumentationszentrum München

Pinakothek der Moderne

Pip hosts Frankfurter Hauptschule (Frankfurt) at D40 (Munich)

BRITTA RETTBERG

Salta art

Deborah Schamoni

Galerie Rüdiger Schöttle hosts Travesía Curatro (Madrid)

space n.n. hosts AlmResidency

Sperling

Walter Storms Galerie hosts Dirimart (Istanbul)

Museum Villa Stuck