

## Press Release

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### **CONTINENT – In Search of Europe (2 Oct 2020 – 10 Jan 2021)** **Start of the podcast series on the eponymous exhibition of Ostkreuz –** **Agentur der Fotografen and Akademie der Künste**

For the first time, the renowned photography collective OSTKREUZ – Agentur der Fotografen has produced a **podcast series** to accompany its next group exhibition *CONTINENT – In Search of Europe*. From now on, one of 22 episodes will appear twice a week – on Mondays and Thursdays. In conversation with journalist and author Anja Maier, the photographers reflect on their work in the exhibition, which will be on view at Akademie der Künste am Pariser Platz from 2 October 2020 until 10 January 2021.

*CONTINENT – In Search of Europe* reflects the 22 OSTKREUZ members' exploration of current aspects of coexistence in Europe. Their photographs shed light on personal, societal and political phenomena. The podcast presents an opportunity to become familiar with the agency's photographers and their positions in advance of and during the exhibition. They offer insight into their approaches to the highly diverse individual projects. In the podcasts, agency members explain how and why they chose a particular photographic theme, what difficulties and opportunities arose in the process, and how this has changed their view of the European continent. What responsibility do photographers have today? What is their stance? What role do they play as individuals and as representatives of their profession – in society, in an exhibition context and in the media as well as in the collective? The OSTKREUZ members not only address their careers and the way they work; these compelling conversations reveal a critical approach to photography that OSTKREUZ has represented for 30 years now.

In the first podcast episode, the curator of the exhibition, Ingo Taubhorn, talks about the collective project's beginnings and conceptual foundation. All podcast episodes are available free of charge as a digital supplementary and educational offering (in German) through any popular streaming service.

#### **Photographers in the podcast:**

Jörg Brüggemann, Espen Eichhöfer, Sibylle Fendt, Johanna-Maria Fritz, Annette Hauschild, Harald Hauswald, Heinrich Holtgreve, Tobias Kruse, Ute Mahler, Werner Mahler, Dawin Meckel, Thomas Meyer, Frank Schinski, Jordis Antonia Schlösser, Ina Schoenenburg, Anne Schönharting, Linn Schröder, Stephanie Steinkopf, Mila Tshaieva, Heinrich Völkel, Maurice Weiss, Sebastian Wells

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**OSTKREUZ – Agentur der Fotografen** was established by seven photographers in 1990, just after the wall fell, in East Berlin, in a Germany that had not yet undergone unification. Today, 30 years later, OSTKREUZ is Germany's most renowned collective of photographers. Its 22 members have received numerous awards for their independent stance and signature styles. Their images have been featured in national and international exhibitions, magazines and journals.

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The current episode is available at: [www.adk.de/kontinent](http://www.adk.de/kontinent)

All podcast episodes are available free of charge (in German only) through the following streaming services: [Spotify](#), [Apple Podcasts](#), [Deezer](#)

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*CONTINENT – In Search of Europe* will inaugurate this year's EMOP Berlin: European Month of Photography and the EMOP Opening Days, beginning on 1 October 2020. The exhibition is supported by the European Fund for Regional Development (EFRE), the Senate Department for Culture and Europe and the Society of Friends of the Akademie der Künste.

Exhibition dates

**CONTINENT – In Search of Europe**

**An exhibition of OSTKREUZ – Agentur der Fotografen and Akademie der Künste**

Exhibition duration: 2 October 2020 to 10 January 2021

Tue – Sun 11 am – 7 pm, Thur 11 am – 10 pm

Akademie der Künste, Pariser Platz 4, 10117 Berlin

Tickets € 9/6, free admission for under 19s + free admission during EMOP

Opening Days

Tickets: Tel. 030 20057-1000, [ticket@adk.de](mailto:ticket@adk.de), [www.adk.de/tickets](http://www.adk.de/tickets)

(Due to access restrictions resulting from COVID-19, the purchase of a time-slot online ticket is recommended. Current information at [www.adk.de](http://www.adk.de).)

**Press images** at: [www.adk.de/en/press/press-material.htm](http://www.adk.de/en/press/press-material.htm)

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