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Minister of State for Culture Weimer Opens ART COLOGNE 2026

Joint tour of the art fair with Cologne Mayor Torsten Burmester ++ Spanish partners of ART COLOGNE PALMA MALLORCA visit Cologne ++ Positive atmosphere among galleries and visitors ++ Galleries report major sales during the art fair's opening days

Federal Government Commissioner for Culture and the Media Wolfram Weimer officially opened ART COLOGNE 2026 with a speech on November 5, stating: "ART COLOGNE is one of the world's most prestigious and longest-running art fairs—and, at the same time, a unique adventure. The sense of great opportunity is palpable, with old and new, established art and the avant-garde presented side by side. The fair facilitates valuable exchange among artists, galleries, collectors, and a broad art-loving public. Vibrant places where art can be exhibited, experienced, and—not least—bought and sold are invaluable to Germany's cultural landscape. I am delighted that, through our support for the New Positions program, we can give emerging artists the opportunity to present their work at a fair of this caliber."

Cologne Mayor Torsten Burmester also attended the opening of the 59th edition of the art fair. Following the ceremony, Weimer and Burmester toured the art fair together, visiting participating galleries and speaking with artists.

Spanish Delegation Visits ART COLOGNE
ART COLOGNE PALMA MALLORCA's Spanish partners also traveled to Cologne, reaffirming the close collaboration between the two art fairs. The delegation included Llorenç Galmés, President of the Mallorca Island Council, and Javi Bonet, First Deputy Mayor and Councilor for Culture of the Palma City Council.

They were joined by Fernando Gómez de la Cuesta, General Coordinator for Culture and Fine Arts at the Palma City Council; Pedro Vidal, Regional Secretary for Culture and Sports of the Government of the Balearic Islands; and Fran Reus, President of the Art Palma Contemporani gallery association.

The second edition of ART COLOGNE PALMA MALLORCA will once again take place at the Palau de Congressos de Palma, from April 1–4, 2027.

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Galleries Report Strong Early Sales
Initial sales have contributed to a successful start to ART COLOGNE 2026 for the art market. Following the preview and opening reception, galleries reported transactions including the following:

Lee Ufan sold for **€1 million** at Mennour, Paris

Ben Willikens sold for **€180,000** at Nikolaus Ruzicska, Graz

Rainer Fetting sold for **€120,000** at Thomas Fuchs, Stuttgart

Martin Kippenberger sold for **€110,000** at Gisela Capitain, Köln

Rainer Fetting sold for **€72,000** at Thomas Fuchs, Stuttgart

Imi Knoebel sold for **€58,000** at Andreas Binder, München

Andrea Pichl sold for **€55,000** at Nagel/Draxler, Berlin/Köln/Meseberg

Luigi Veronesi sold for **€50,000** at 10. A.M. ART, Mailand

Tim Eitel sold for **€38,000** at EIGEN + ART, Berlin

Marina Apollonio sold for **€25,000** at 10. A.M. ART, Mailand

Julio Rondo sold for **€25,000** at Andreas Binder, München

Dozie Kanu sold for **€22,500** at GUSCH, Köln

Julio Rondo sold for **€20,000** at Andreas Binder, München

Two works by **Neo Rauch** sold for **€18,000** each at EIGEN + ART, Berlin

Adolf Hölzl sold for **€18,000** at Schlichtenmaier, Stuttgart

Horst Antes sold for **€13,000** at Utermann, Dortmund

Susanne Kraisser sold for **€12,000** at Koch, Hannover

Ricarda Roggan sold for **€12,000** at EIGEN + ART, Berlin

Kirsi Mikkolau sold for **€10,000** at Nagel/Draxler, Berlin/Köln/Meseberg

Bernar Venet sold for **€8,800** at Boisserée, Köln

Carlo Krone sold for **€8,300** at Thomas Fuchs, Stuttgart

Gavin Gleeson sold for **€6,675** at Palo Gallery, New York

Vera Mercer sold for **€6,600** at Schlichtenmaier, Stuttgart

Klara Lidén sold for **€6,400** at GUSCH, Köln

Patrick Walsh sold for **€5,000** at Nagel/Draxler, Berlin/Köln/Meseberg

Nils Ben Brahim sold for **€5,000** at EIGEN + ART, Berlin

June Hwajung sold for **€4,700** at Thomas Fuchs, Stuttgart

Takatoshi Kuronuma sold for **€4,500** at BASE GALLERY, Tokyo

Hideaki Yamanobe sold for **€4,000** at BASE GALLERY, Tokyo

Four works by **Ralph Fleck** sold for **€4,000** each at Schlichtenmaier, Stuttgart

Vera Mercer sold for **€2,800** at Schlichtenmaier, Stuttgart

Winfried Gaul sold for **€600** at Schlichtenmaier, Stuttgart

Horst Theissen sold for **€500** at Rob Tufnell, London

Franz Radziwill sold at Valentien, Stuttgart

Jan Peter Tripp sold at Valentien, Stuttgart

Two works by **Lyonel Feininger** sold at Koch, Hannover

Works by **Georg Mucha** sold at DERDA, Berlin

Works by **Walter Dexel** sold at DERDA, Berlin

Works by **Ross Bleckner** sold at Wienerroither & Kohlbacher, Wien

A sculpture by **Robert Schad** sold at Schlichtenmaier, Stuttgart

A bronze sculpture by **Tony Cragg** sold at von Vertes, Zürich

ART COLOGNE runs through Sunday, November 8, 2026. Tickets are available from the official ticket shop at www.artcologne.de.

Note for editorial offices:
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