

Press Release

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Salzburg International Summer Academy of Fine Arts

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International Summer Academy of Fine Arts Salzburg

Programme of events

17 July–29 August 2025

The International Summer Academy of Fine Arts in Hohensalzburg Fortress, founded in 1953 by the famous Austrian artist **Oskar Kokoschka** (1886–1980) as a "School of Seeing", is the oldest of its kind in Europe. Currently, the 19 courses are attended by some 300 participants from around 50 different countries, making the Academy an international place for the lively exchange of creative and artistic ideas.

Diversity of the future

Our programme of events this year attempts to address this issue through exhibitions, artist talks, discussions, a reading, lectures, film screenings and music sets.

The artist talk with **Nika Neelova** and **Christian Kosmas Mayer** in cooperation with the Museum der Moderne Salzburg is about the *archaeologies of the future* and *material memory*. **Lilli Hollein** and **Matylda Krzykowski** are organising an evening on the subjectivity of encounters and **Urbanthinktank_next** are calling for 100 ideas for active citizenship in Salzburg.

A reading by **Elizabeth Pich** and **Stefanie Sargnagel** entitled *Komische Künstlerinnen* explores the boundaries of (black) humour and sarcasm and addresses the acceptance of female comedy.

Paul Feigelfeld will give a lecture on the 'Stille Post' of knowledge between *China and the West*. Finally, in the Fotohof, a panel discussion with **Valentina Seidel**, **Anja Manfredi** and **Michael Mauracher** will shed light on the different types of teaching and take a closer look at the beginnings of photography education in Austria and the photo classes at the Summer Academy. The summer exhibition of the Kunstverein *Schule des Sehens* by **Laila Shawa** also builds a bridge to the history of the Summer Academy. As part of the opening, an artist talk with **Esben Weile Kjær**, **Jakub Gawkowski** and **Greta Rainbow** will take place in cooperation with the Summer Academy.

Exhibitions

This year's exhibition programme kicks off with the teachers of the **Urbanthinktank_next** architecture class presenting their *100 ideas for Salzburg* in the Stadtgalerie Zwergelgartenpavillon on 17 July. **Hannah Tilson** and **Otis Blease** open their first joint presentation *Bridge | Brücke* at

kura-t kunstraum traktlhaus on 24 July and **Sarker Protick** shows his exhibition *Shadows in the Sky* at Fotohof from 7 August.

Sunset Kino

The long-standing cooperation with the Salzburger Kunstverein has continued this year with three film screenings curated by teaching artists from the Summer Academy. This year, **Ofri Cnaani**, **Pablo Martínez-Zárate**, **Sophie Thun** and **Pascal Petignat** will curate an evening.

Open Studios

The teaching artists and their students invite you to the Open Studios for tours, film presentations, performances and discussions. A special opportunity to visit the fortress (1 / 15 and 29 August) or the quarry (9 August) and immerse yourself in the extraordinary atmosphere of the course locations.

Music sets

On three Fridays, the Zwergelgartenpavillon will once again become the centre of contemporary club culture. In addition to the internationally renowned DJs **Chadee**, **Kahlory**, **Antonia XM** and **Lynn Mayya**, two spots have been put out to tender in cooperation with the Salzburg Club Commission, thus also integrating the local scene.

General information

All our events are open to the public and free to attend. Unless otherwise stated, they are held in English.

Further information and details of venues and opening times can be found at: <https://summeracademy.at/en/events/>

Livestream at: <https://www.youtube.com/user/SummerAcadOfFineArts>

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Salzburg International Summer Academy of Fine Arts

21 July–30 August 2025

Facts and Figures

19 courses with Walter Bruno Brix, Adriana Bustos, Neha Choksi, Ofri Cnaani, Rossen Daskalov, Louisa Elderton, Julie Hayward, Thalia Hoffman / Manar Zuabi, Matylda Krzykowski, Christian Macketanz, Pablo Martínez-Zárate, Christian Kosmas Mayer, Irina Nakhova, Pascal Petignat, Elizabeth Pich, Sarker Protick, Curtis Talwst Santiago, Hannah Tilson / Otis Blease and Urbanthinktank_next.

Course locations, number of students and scholarships

18 courses take place at Hohensalzburg Fortress and one at the Untersberg quarry in Fürstenbrunn, each lasting two and three weeks respectively.

As of 16 July 2025, we have accepted a total of **334 students**, including **135 places for scholarship holders**. To date, there have been **294 regular registrations** for Summer Academy courses and **591 scholarship applications**.

Sponsors and supporters include the State of Salzburg / Department 2, Department of Culture; the Federal Ministry of Housing, Arts, Culture, Media and Sport (BMWKMS); the Cultural Fund of the City of Salzburg; ERSTE Foundation; The American Austrian Foundation (AAF/Seebacher Prize for Fine Arts); the Zurich University of the Arts; the Free State of Bavaria; the University of Applied Arts Vienna; the Münster Academy of Fine Arts; Kingston University London; the Friends of the Academy of Visual Arts Leipzig e. V.; the State of Vorarlberg; the University of Applied Arts Vienna; the Academy of Fine Arts Münster; the University of Fine Arts Leipzig e. V.; the University of Fine Arts Leipzig e. V.; the University of Applied Arts Leipzig e. V.; the University of Fine Arts Leipzig e. V. V.; the State of Vorarlberg; and the members and sponsors of the Association of Friends of the International Summer Academy of Fine Arts Salzburg.

Co-operation partners

Fotohof, kura-t kunstraum traklhaus, Museum der Moderne Salzburg, Salzburg Club Commission, Salzburger Kunstverein and Stadtgalerien Salzburg.

Calendar of events:

Thursday, 17 July, 7 pm

Exhibition opening

100 Ideas for Salzburg

Urbanthinktank_next with **Lindsay Blair-Howe** and **Christoph Thun-Hohenstein**

Stadtgalerie Zwergelgartenpavillon

Monday, 21 July, 6 pm

Opening of the Summer Academy with *Experimental Electronic Live* by **Benjamin Lageder**

Stadtgalerie Zwergelgartenpavillon

Thursday, 24 July, 7 pm

Exhibition opening

Bridge | Brücke

Hannah Tilson and **Otis Blease**

kura-t kunstraum traklhaus

Friday, 25 July, 7 pm

Artist Talk

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Esben Weile Kjær, **Jakub Gawkowski**, **Mirela Baciak** in conversation with **Greta Rainbow**

Salzburger Kunstverein

Tuesday, 29 July, 7 pm

Artist Talk

Archaeologies of the Future: Material Memory in Dialogue

Harald Krejci in conversation with **Nika Neelova** and **Christian Kosmas Mayer**

Museum der Moderne Salzburg, Mönchsberg

Wednesday, 30 July, 9 pm

Sunset Kino – **Pablo Martínez-Zárate**

Salzburger Kunstverein

Friday, 1 August, 4-8 pm

Open Studios

Classes by **Thalia Hoffman / Manar Zuabi, Pablo Martínez-Zárate, Christian Kosmas Mayer, Irina Nakhova, Curtis Talwst Santiago, Hannah Tilson / Otis Blease**
Hohensalzburg Fortress

Friday, 1 August, 9pm-1am

Music sets

Chadee and Kahlory

Stadtgalerie Zwergelgartenpavillon

Tuesday, 5 August, 7 pm

Lecture

Chinese Whispers: The 'Stille Post' of Knowledge Between China and the West

Paul Feigelfeld

Stadtgalerie Zwergelgartenpavillon

Thursday, 7 August, 7 pm

Exhibition opening

Shadows in the Sky

Sarker Protick

Fotohof

Saturday, 9 August, 10 am–2 pm

Open Studio

Class of **Neha Choksi**

Untersberg Quarry, Fürstenbrunn

Tuesday, 12 August, 7 pm

Reading

Komische Künstlerinnen

Elizabeth Pich and **Stefanie Sargnagel**, moderated by **Katharina Serles**

Stadtgalerie Zwergelgartenpavillon

Wednesday, 13 August, 9 pm

Sunset Kino – **Ofri Cnaani**

Salzburger Kunstverein

Friday, 15 August, 4-8 pm

Open Studios

Classes by **Ofri Cnaani, Rossen Daskalov, Julie Hayward, Elizabeth Pich and Sarker Protick**

Hohensalzburg Fortress

Friday, 15 August, 9pm-1am

Music sets

Antonia XM with local support in cooperation with the **Salzburg Club**

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Stadtgalerie Zwergelgartenpavillon

Tuesday, 19 August, 7 pm

Lecture

The Architecture of Urbanthinktank_next and Two Black Squares

Hubert Klumpner, Michael Walczak, Diego Ceresuela-Wiesmann and

Anne Graupner with **Senka Ibrišimbegović**

Stadtgalerie Zwergelgartenpavillon

Thursday, 21 August, 7:30 pm

Panel discussion

A Different Form of Teaching

Valentina Seidel, Anja Manfredi and **Michael Mauracher**, moderated by

Rainer Iglar

Fotohof

Tuesday, 26 August, 7 pm

Artist Talk

Lilli Hollein and **Matylda Krzykowski**

Stadtgalerie Zwergelgartenpavillon

Wednesday, 27 August, 9 pm

Sunset Kino – **Pascal Petignat** and **Sophie Thun**

Salzburger Kunstverein

Friday, 29 August, 4-8pm

Open Studios

Classes by **Adriana Bustos, Walter Bruno Brix, Louisa Elderton, Matylda Krzykowski, Christian Macketanz, Pascal Petignat** and

Urbanthinktank_next

Hohensalzburg Fortress

Friday, 29 August, 9pm-1am

Music sets

Lynn Mayya with local support in cooperation with the **Salzburg Club**

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