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Art far beyond the borders of Bad Homburg

With its many works by international artists and an exciting supporting programme Blickachsen 12 attracts droves of visitors to Bad Homburg and the Rhine-Main region.

Just half-way through and already this is clear: this year's **Blickachsen 12** edition of the biennial open-air exhibition is more popular than ever – hundreds of thousands of visitors have already arrived to experience the contemporary sculptures and installations on display in their dialogue with the public space and historic parks of Bad Homburg and the region. At the heart of the exhibition have always been the **Kurpark and Schlosspark in Bad Homburg**. But this year once again Blickachsen reaches out far beyond the borders of the city, to five further locations in the Rhine-Main area: from **Bad Vilbel** and **Eschborn** to **Frankfurt** and **Kronberg**, and finally to **Eberbach Monastery**, almost sixty kilometres away. In the freely accessible outside spaces of this former Cistercian monastery, nine bronze figures by Hanneke Beaumont are on display: poised, kneeling or sitting, they invite the observer to pause and to reflect.

The altogether **60 artworks** by **31 international artists** in Bad Homburg and the Rhine-Main region can still be seen until **6 October**. And the coming month promises once again to be just as exciting for the participants of the exhibition: in September the **Friends of Blickachsen** will be awarding their **art prize** of 5,000 Euros in recognition of one of the works. The last winner of this prize, in Blickachsen 11, was the German artist Alicja Kwade (b. 1979) – who is now considered to be one of the foremost sculptors of her generation.

For those who do not wish to experience Blickachsen 12 on their own or with the help of just the brochure and the QR codes on the plaques by the works, there is still the opportunity in the coming weeks to join one of the wide-ranging **tour and informational programmes** on offer. In addition to the **regular general tours** in German in Bad Homburg (in the Kurpark, on Thursdays at 6.30pm and on Sundays and holidays at 11am, as well as in the Schlosspark on Sundays and holidays (except 1 Sept.) at 3pm), **individual group tours** can be booked for all locations (in German, English, French or Italian) at the Blickachsen Foundation, at **fuehrungen@blickachsen.de** (or by telephone on **+49 - (0)61 72 - 681 19 46**). Furthermore, a special themed tour **“Dreams, Trees and Sculpture. Spatial concepts in contemporary art”** will be held every Tuesday at 6pm in the Kurpark. Additionally, there are still two opportunities to join the **“INTERaktion. Sculpture and me”** tours on the interplay between art and the observer: on Saturday, 17 August at 3pm in the Schlosspark and Saturday, 21 September also at 3pm in the Kurpark. For **private children's and youth groups** as well as **pre-school and school classes** there is a special programme of walks and interactive tours.

Information for all Blickachsen 12 locations and on the educational and accompanying programmes, as well as up-to-date press photographs, can be found at **www.blickachsen.com**.

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