

## OPEN CALL – JAHRESGABEN 2025 KUNSTVEREIN LUDWIGSHAFEN

**Application period:** September 15 – October 31, 2025

The Jahresgaben are a central part of the Kunstverein Ludwigshafen's program to support its members. For the first time, the KVLU will present the Jahresgaben in a historic public institution – the Altes Volksbad Mannheim – a site that embodies more than 125 years of social welfare and public exchange. This unique setting offers artists the opportunity to present their work in a space that breathes the spirit of openness, community, and democracy – values that both Volksbäder (public baths) and Kunstvereine (art associations) have championed since the 19th century.

The cities of Ludwigshafen and Mannheim are directly adjacent, and the Jahresgaben aim to strengthen both collaboration and the diversity of the cultural scene in the Rhine-Neckar metropolitan region.

### JAHRESGABEN 2025

The Altes Volksbad, first opened in 1890, was a place where Mannheim's working population gained access to social participation and public life. Today, its basement level is a site where culture and history intersect, maintained by the Geschichtswerkstatt Neckarstadt e.V.

The Jahresgaben 2025 seek to continue this dialogue: contemporary art meets historic architecture, the public meets participation. Artists are invited to submit works that engage with the themes of community, public life, history, social participation, and the interplay of space and art.

### Application Guidelines

- All media are welcome (painting, sculpture, photography, sound, film, video, new media, installation, etc.).
- The Altes Volksbad is a listed building under monument protection. Installations must therefore be carefully planned and may not interfere with the historical structure. We are particularly interested in smaller-scale works that can be realized under these logistical conditions.
- Please indicate size, weight, and installation requirements in your submission.
- Each artist may submit up to four works, of which two may not exceed a sales price of €500 each.
- Applications may be submitted in German or English.
- Please send a single PDF file to [info@kunstverein-ludwigshafen.de](mailto:info@kunstverein-ludwigshafen.de). The subject line of the email should include the artist's name and "Jahresgaben 2025."

## Selection Process

- The jury will select works based on artistic quality, relation to the concept, and feasibility in the space.
- A broad diversity of media, concepts, and artistic perspectives will be sought.

## The 2025 Jury consists of:

- **Luisa Heese** (Deputy Director, Kunsthalle Mannheim)
- **Mirela Baciak** (Director, Salzburger Kunstverein)
- **Chloe Carroll** (Director, Phillida Reid Gallery, London)
- **Philipp Zechner** (Altes Volksbad Mannheim)
- **Angela Kerstner** (Altes Volksbad Mannheim)

## Acquisition & Support

Members of the Kunstverein Ludwigshafen have the opportunity to acquire works. 50% of the proceeds go to the artists, 50% to the Kunstverein in support of the institution and the Artists' Social Fund. This format promotes mutual support between artists and the institution.

## Accessibility

The Kunstverein is committed to making Jahresgaben accessible to members from diverse backgrounds. The pricing framework is therefore deliberately designed to ensure affordability.

## Exhibition & Program

The Jahresgaben will be presented on the **first weekend of December 2025 (December 5–7)** at the Altes Volksbad Mannheim. Visitors will be able to experience the works in the historic bathing rooms, sense the tension between contemporary art and functional history, and engage directly with the artists.

## Submission

Please submit a **PDF** by October 31, 2025 including:

- Short biography
- Description of the work
- Price information
- Up to three images per work

**Email:** [info@kunstverein-ludwigshafen.de](mailto:info@kunstverein-ludwigshafen.de)  
WeTransfer links will not be considered.