

STORIES OF BERLIN

A black and white photograph of two people, a woman on the left and a man on the right, both smiling and looking towards the right. The woman is holding a small object, possibly a cigarette or a pen, near her mouth. The man is wearing a suit and tie. The background is dark and out of focus.

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From 10/2021 to 3/2022, Tomáš Kajánek investigated the history of Czech religious refugees in Berlin-Rixdorf from the 18th century to the present, using historical film footage and sources from the Archive of the Bohemian village Rixdorf to examine reasons for migration, experiences of flight, and their lasting effects.

The resulting video work, »Dedications«, highlights the ongoing gentrification process in Neukölln and Rixdorf while acknowledging the ongoing presence of descendants of Czech immigrants in the region. The video is narrated by a Czech speaker and is subtitled in German, English and Polish. Still, the video work evokes the feeling of not being able to understand all of the information due to a language barrier.

Biography

Tomáš Kajánek lives and works in Prague. As a visual artist, he primarily employs the media of moving image and photography. He explores the tension between ethics and aesthetics while working with found footage from different archival sources. Tomáš Kajánek has presented his work at collective and solo exhibitions internationally, including the National Gallery in Prague, the Lofoten International Art Festival, and the Vienna Biennale.

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Fresh A.I.R. FIFTH ANNIVERSARY

Fresh A.I.R. is the artist-in-residence programme of the Foundation Berliner Leben. It was established to support emerging artists from across Europe, to foster their creative development, to present their art to a broad audience, and to advance their careers on an international level. Since its inception in 2018, Fresh A.I.R. has hosted and promoted **98 artists** from **27 countries**. Over **400 people** from Berlin have contributed to the artistic projects as well as **104 places** that were at the center of the artists' engagement with Berlin's urban space.

We are proud of the development and growth of our programme! And we will continue to realise our vision in the years to come. To mark our **5th year of existence**, we cordially invite you to visit our Fresh A.I.R. anniversary exhibition **»STORIES OF BERLIN«**.

The exhibition features video-artistic works by three former Fresh A.I.R. fellows who were active in Berlin between 2020 and 2022. In their videos, **Tomáš Kajánek** (CZE), **Lotte Reimann** (GER) and **Marc Samper** (ESP) explore the past and present of Berlin and its inhabitants and open up sensitive approaches to subcultures and offline realities. Surprising confessions as well as unique insights into the family archives allow the viewers to enter areas that mostly remain unnoticed by the mainstream media. In this way, some new sides of Berlin and its inhabitants can be discovered.

You want to see some real Berlin? Come and drop by. It's waiting for you.

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Exhibition at the Project Space of **URBAN NATION**
Museum for Urban Contemporary Art
Bülowlstr. 97
10783 Berlin

26/8/2023

6 p.m. Exhibition Opening on the occasion of the Long Night of Museums Berlin

Opening hours

Tue + Wed 10 a.m. – 6 p.m.
Thu – Sun 12 – 8 p.m.
Closed on Mondays

Fresh A.I.R.

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