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Jonas Scharf, Spider Man, 2022 private collection © 2024 MARVEL

Locked in an eternal battle between good and evil, superheroes have been saving the world over and over again for 100 years. Equipped with a strong moral compass, superhuman abilities and high-tech gadgets, they embody our desire for justice and symbolise the defence of well-fortified democracies.

The NRW-Forum Düsseldorf is being transformed into a superhero universe: with more than 1600 exhibits over 1200 square metres of exhibition space, visitors can expect a blockbuster show that shines a light on the entire pop culture world of superheroes and their adversaries. From Batman and the Joker to manga and anime and even politics and propaganda, the exhibition demonstrates the diversity of the genre across a total of eleven themed areas. In addition to numerous comic books, visitors can also marvel at original drawings, sculptures and action toys as well as film clips and media art installations.

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Die GROSSE 2024, Photo: Anne Orthen

In 2025, NRW-Forum, Kunstpalast, and Ehrenhof will once again host Germany's largest exhibition organised by artists for artists. Outdoor sculptures will create a visual link between the two well-known art institutions in Düsseldorf.

Since 1902, the Verein zur Veranstaltung von Kunstausstellungen e.V. (Association for the Organisation of Art Exhibitions) has provided a unique platform for the exchange of ideas between artists, art enthusiasts and art buyers.

Visitors have the opportunity to purchase works directly on site, bypassing the gallery. The selection of participating artists is made each year by a rotating jury from a pool of numerous applications. Featured works include those in painting, photography, printmaking, sculpture, installation and video.

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Pleun van Dijk, Objects of Desire, 2024, Acrylic one, fiber glass, foam, Foto: © Nahmlos

Sex can be beautiful, exciting, provocative and political. With the exhibition 'SEX NOW', the NRW-Forum Düsseldorf invites visitors to rediscover sexuality in all its complexity. A central starting point of the exhibition is the observation that the sex industry has changed in recent years from a predominantly male-dominated industry to a more female-dominated industry. What are the reasons for this change?

In their works, artists, designers and activists show visions of a world in which sexuality exists free of stigma, shame and prejudice. They explore how sexual liberation and personal freedom have evolved in the 21st century.

From latex fashion, furniture design, queer photography, media art and Japanese woodcuts to dolls, machines and toys: In eleven themed rooms, the exhibition stages an intimate, critical and creative dialogue about sexuality and society, telling of erotic fantasies and new realities.

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