

## Marcus Schmickler opens Monheim Triennale

**Monheim Triennale** is an international music festival aiming to document ground-breaking artistic positions in contemporary music. The festival's first edition will be held from **1 July - 5 July 2020** in Monheim am Rhein, Germany.



The 16 artists of the 2020 **Monheim Triennale**, Graphic: Christian Schäfer

**Sam Amidon (US), Lakecia Benjamin (US), Kris Davis (CA), Pan Daijing (CN), Greg Fox (US), Shabaka Hutchings (GB), Sofia Jernberg (SE), Park Jiha (KOR), Robert Landfermann (DE), Ava Mendoza (US), Marcus Schmickler (DE), Phillip Sollmann (DE), Julia Úlehla (US), Terre Thaemlitz (US), Jennifer Walshe (IE), Stian Westerhus (NO)**

In early September we introduced the 16 artists, who were invited to develop exclusive projects for the festival. Details for some of these contributions will be revealed on our [website](#) today.

The **Monheim Triennale** will open on 1 July 2020 with a commissioned composition by **Marcus Schmickler**. The composer will stage a large-scale open-air concert on both sides of the river Rhine, working title: **Entwurf einer Rheinlandschaft** (Draft of a Rhine River Landscape). By the means of **Entwurf einer Rheinlandschaft**, **Marcus Schmickler** explores the relationship between near and far in music, lyrics and performance. "I am looking to investigate the protagonists' relationship with money, power, love, humanity and ecology, in a similar way as was done in classical works such as *Faust* or *The Ring of the Nibelung*. On the eve of the first edition of the **Monheim Triennale**, topical aspects of the entire festival will be incorporated in my **Entwurf einer Rheinlandschaft** and the composition represents these as questions aimed at the festival and the city's citizens."

Numerous concerts are to follow from 2 to 5 July at various venues along the Rhine river in Monheim. The **Kulturraffinerie K714**, the new **MS RheinGalaxie** by boat company KD Rheinschiffahrt and **Sojus 7** will be the main venues. There will also be other smaller venues along the Monheim Festival Mile.

All of the invited artists will perform several times in specific constellations suggested by themselves. Besides a trio with synth-virtuoso **Thomas Lehn** and New York-based drummer **Chris Corsano**, which will perform for the first time ever, there will also be a solo-concert by **Marcus Schmickler**.

As of now **Monheim Triennale** will start the advance ticket sale for citizens of Monheim only. **The regular advance tickets sale will start on January 6, 2020.**

**Please check our website for updates and more information: [www.monheim-triennale.de](http://www.monheim-triennale.de).**

In case you have any questions, please do not hesitate to contact me.

Best regards,

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