

### Independent Space Index 2023

The festival of independent art spaces in Vienna

June 02-04

On Friday, Saturday and Sunday, June 2 - 4, Vienna's independent art spaces are jointly hosting citywide open days. All participating spaces will be open from 2 to 6 p.m on all days, and have ongoing exhibitions which visitors can attend without pre-registration and free of charge.

Many of the spaces will host opening receptions or events during the festival, allowing audiences to be shared, and to experience Vienna's scene in an intimate manner, while exploring parts of the city that are not always understood as locations hosting cultural events.

The Independent Space Index festival is a chance to get to know these spaces in a short period of time, and to gain better insight into the roles of these small, independent initiatives which offer opportunities to artists to experiment with what an exhibition could be, at key moments in their artistic development.

#### About Independent Space Index

Formed in 2017, Independent Space Index is a network of artist-run, non-commercial and independent art spaces (also called "off-spaces" or "alternative spaces") in Vienna. Currently (as of March 2023), 83 spaces are listed.

This directory of spaces has become an important tool for researching current artistic practice in Vienna. Those using the Index include visiting artists and curators, resulting in participation of members in exhibitions outside of Austria, in festivals that aspire to give an overview of Vienna's cultural landscape such as Vienna Art Week, and in institutional projects such as Belvedere 21's "Über das Neue. Wiener Szenen und darüber hinaus."

Festival website:

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## What is an Independent Space?

Independent Space Index lists any permanent physical space that publicly exhibits contemporary art in Vienna and is neither a commercial gallery nor a major institution. These spaces often operate as a *Kunstverein* (Art Association). In case of doubt, this working definition is followed:

*An Independent Space is a self-organized exhibition space which primarily and programmatically exhibits contemporary art. An Independent Space is accessible to the public and engages in mediation work. An Independent Space does not strive for financial profit.*

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