

# Kunsthalle Basel

## Performance Process

### *New Swiss Performance Now*

19.1. – 18.2.2018

Opening 18.1.2018, 7 pm



Sophie Jung, [*@real, too*] *eh, co-?: "nah, cis. us!"*, 2015. Photo: Philipp Hänger / Kunsthalle Basel

Continuing its tradition of showcasing emerging artists, Kunsthalle Basel's *New Swiss Performance Now* concentrates on a new generation of artists who use performance in their practice. Bringing together both artists regularly making performance art and visual artists who use the medium when it best expresses an idea, the show is conceived as a "live exhibition" in which no documentation, scripts, props, or other traces of performances will be exhibited. Instead, for one month, and within special opening hours, numerous performances and a vibrant program of ephemeral actions and events will unfold on the upper floor of Kunsthalle Basel.

Presenting newly commissioned and recent pieces that range from the spectacular to the almost imperceptible, the selected artists draw on techniques from theater, dance, installation, or film to make their fleeting, situation-oriented actions. Expanding on the incredibly rich history of performance art in Switzerland—so well documented and presented by this exceptional multi-institutional collaboration—Kunsthalle Basel's program emphasizes the form's vitality in the new and the now.

The exhibition's duration is framed by two of Basel's liveliest cultural events: It begins on January 19, 2018, with the 18th edition of Basel Museums Night (with more than thirty-five participating museums and institutions), and it ends with a grand finale on the night of February 18, 2018 and carries into the wee hours of February 19, 2018 when all of Basel turns off its lights at 4 am for the Morgestraich, the ritual beginning of carnival, the city's own "collective performance."

With Claudia Comte, Florian Graf, Raphael Hefti, Balz Isler, Florence Jung, Sophie Jung, Stefan Karrer, Ariane Koch & Sarina Scheidegger, Jérôme Leuba, Lou Masduraud & Antoine Bellini, Ernestyna Orlowska, Lea Rüegg & Raphaela Grolimund, Yves Scherer, Steven Schoch, Hannah Weinberger, Johannes Willi and others. The complete list of artists and specific performance-times will be published on [kunsthallebasel.ch](http://kunsthallebasel.ch).

## Events

18.1.2018, 7 pm  
Opening *New Swiss Performance Now*

19./20.1.2018, 7 pm – 2 am  
Performance night *New Swiss Performance Now*, part of Basel Museum Night 2018

20.1.-17.2.2018, special opening hours  
Performance events of *New Swiss Performance Now*

18./19.2.2018, 7 pm – 2 am  
Grand finale of *New Swiss Performance Now*

## Press images

Download-Link: [kunsthallebasel.ch/en/media/](http://kunsthallebasel.ch/en/media/)



Claudia Comte, *Tornado Kit*, 2014. Photo: Stefan Altenburger

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