

Connect. Create. Care URBAN NATION MUSEUM FOR URBAN CONTEMPORARY ART

The URBAN NATION MUSEUM FOR URBAN CONTEMPORARY ART is a globally unique center of urban contemporary art in Berlin.



Fig. 1 - Shepard Fairey: No Future, One Wall, Frobenstrasse. Photo: Nika Kramer/URBAN NATION.

Over the last four years, the façade of Bülowstrasse 7 has featured regularly changing works by international and local urban artists such as Shepard Fairey, D*Face, Maya Hayuk, and The London Police. The artworks created throughout Berlin under the auspices of URBAN NATION and executive director Yasha Young since 2013 form the centerpiece of the collection. In addition, the URBAN NATION MUSEUM FOR URBAN CONTEMPORARY ART is home to the unique book collection of the renowned photojournalist Martha Cooper, whose pictures document the birth and development of graffiti and urban art in recent decades.

Instead of just conserving, the museum also encapsulates the original idea behind temporary urban art. Changing murals will be exhibited on mobile elements on the façade of the museum and will subsequently become part of the URBAN NATION archives. The museum's interior also makes for unusual experiences: URBAN NATION is literally moving the street indoors. A gallery catwalk stretching across the two stories of the museum interior makes it possible to look at the exhibits both from afar and close up.



Fig. 2 - URBAN NATION - Inside. Photo: Sabine Dobre.

The museum's leitmotif is "Connect. Create. Care." It is much more than just an exhibition space: in addition to showing ever-changing works by international and local street artists, URBAN NATION also offers a novel platform for encounters, exchange, research and education related to urban street art. Artists' residencies on the upper floors of the building allow up-and-coming artists in particular to live and work in Berlin for three to six months. Their creativity have free rein at URBAN NATION.

Situated in the heart of Berlin, which is home to a high-caliber and highly active art scene, the museum filled a vacuum in international art by providing a permanent access point for one of the most important art forms of the 21st century. URBAN NATION was initiated by the non-profit foundation Berliner Leben. The internationally renowned curator Yasha Young is its executive director.



Fig. 3 - Wes21 / Onur: Sweetest Sin, One Wall, Berlin, Kreuzberg 2015. Photo: Prince Boogie.

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Opening hours:

Tue – Sun 10am – 6pm

Admission: free

Barrier-free access



Fig. 4 - URBAN NATION - façade.
Photo: Nika Kramer.