

Museum der Kulturen Basel

PERFORMANCE FESTIVAL OF SWISS ART ACADEMIES

ACT Basel

27 – 28 March 2026, 18.00–17.00 Uhr

Friday 27 March 2026, 18.00

Talk by Marinella Senatore Saturday 28 March 2026, 13.00 – 17.00

Performances

Participants and programme will be announced soon: dertank.ch/act ACT Basel 2026 is a collaboration between the Museum der Kulturen Basel and the Institute Art Gender Nature HGK Basel FHNW. The ACT Performance Festival of Swiss Art Academies offers students a platform to realize performances and performative projects. Conceived as an open laboratory for testing performative artistic strategies, the dynamic between performances, performers and the audience that accompanies the live situation is of central importance to ACT. The focus is on the process and the exchange between the students and the audience. Initiated in 2003, the festival has been held annually for over two decades in various cities across Switzerland, and it celebrated its 20th anniversary with a special edition in Biel/Bienne in 2022.

This year, ACT Basel will take place at the Museum der Kulturen Basel. The two-day festival will open on Friday 27 March 2026, with the talk *We Rise by Lifting Others* by Marinella Senatore, who is a central figure in contemporary Italian art. Trained in art, film, and music, she specialized in a collaborative artistic practice. In her talk, she will explore the concept of participatory practice as a critical framework that fosters collective engagement and co-creation, positioning artistic experience as a dialogical and socially embedded process with tangible impact within community and cultural contexts.

ACT is a joint project of Swiss Art Academies:

EDHEA Valais – F+F Zurich – HEAD Geneva – HGK Basel FHNW – HKB

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Dates and program of all participating art academies: act-perform.net

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