

Opening, Thu, July 1, 2021, 7 pm CEST in the ZKM forecourt
with Jean-Remy, Jan Josef Liefers, Anna Loos, and Anders Indset

Talking Tubes. Installation by Jean-Remy

In today's digitally networked world, Jean-Remy's *Talking Tubes* (2020) demonstrates the simple power of direct dialog. The artist has created an interactive acoustic installation of aphoristic dialogs made of metal, industrial waste and fire hoses.

"Let's talk! Even today, when everyone and everything are all communicating with each other, dialog still remains the fastest and simplest way to clarify things. It is the most important link between human relationships and thus the origin of all forms of communication. Celebrating this origin with an interactive installation is the idea behind *Talking Tubes*: Two tubes exchange ideas, alternating between the profound and the absurd, and formality is excluded. The spoken word takes precedence! The *Talking Tubes* are never finished, but remain in motion: the "talking" repeatedly with new performers and contents, the "tubes" with other surprising constructions.

The *Talking Tubes* being presented at ZKM are the first of all such installations, with dialogs about talk and silence, spoken by Jan Josef Liefers and Anna Loos." – Jean-Remy

Jean-Remy, born in 1952 in Brussels, is one of the founders of the creative agency Jung von Matt, the only agency in Germany that has repeatedly been lauded in Cannes as the best independent agency in the world. This agency has been the creator of many campaigns that have achieved cult status and is both an honorary member of the Art Directors Club as well as a member of the Hall of Fame of the *Wirtschaftswoche* magazine. After stepping away from the operational side of the business, Jean-Remy began working on conceptual art projects that had been long in the making. The *Talking Tubes* project is his first to be presented to the public.

An installation made of metal, industrial waste and fire hoses with a lighting concept made of washing drums and pitchforks, 7 m wide, 2.50 m high, 420 kg.

The project is taking place **in cooperation with the Foundation for Art and Culture, Bonn**, an active think tank, driver and organizer for projects related to contemporary art and culture for over 30 years. The Foundation holds events both domestically and abroad, runs the MKM Museum Küppersmühle of Modern Art Duisburg, hosts discussions on cultural policy and presents art in public spaces. The goal is to initiate dialogs and be a "co-creator on the whole," based loosely on Joseph Beuys – and entirely in the spirit of Jean-Remy.

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Cube Subspace [Kubus Subraum]

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For more information about *Talking Tubes* see zkm.de/en/talking-tubes

An individual press meeting with the artist can be arranged on-site on Wednesday afternoon, June 30, 2021 or Thursday afternoon, July 1, 2021. Please send your registration to presse@zkm.de.

The opening will take place on Thursday, July 1, 2021 at 7 pm CEST in the forecourt of ZKM (Square of Human Rights [Platz der Menschenrechte]) in front of the entrance to the Subspace (Cube) [(Kubus) Subraum]. Those attending will include the artist Jean-Remy, actor Jan Josef Liefers, actor and singer Anna Loos, and economics philosopher Anders Indset.

At the location:

- Admission is free
- Visitors must first register their contact details via Luca app or in paper on-site to gain access to the closed-off, limited event space
- A mask must be worn in the event area and social distancing must be maintained
- Pre-registration or a test and/or vaccine record are not required

If it is not possible to hold the event outdoors, due to the weather, the event will be moved to the ZKM foyer. In this case, proof of a negative test result or complete vaccination and/or recovery are required. The number of persons allowed at the event would also be reduced. A free testing center will be available near the ZKM.

For more information about the opening see zkm.de/en/eroeffnung-talking-tubes

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