

The ZKM reopened on March 17

On Wednesday, March 17, the ZKM opened its doors with a spectacular installation. In addition to the new installation *Connected to Life* (2021) by Chiharu Shiota in the ZKM's foyer, which sets a visual symbol for the pandemic-stricken present, visitors can see the exhibitions *Writing the History of the Future* and *Critical Zones. Observatories for Earthly Politics*. Further, the installation *CRAWLERS* by Alexander Schubert on the Museum Balcony is now accessible for the first time. Although we are open, the ZKM is continuing to offer its extensive online program.

When it was announced the museums in Baden-Württemberg could open provided certain conditions are met, the ZKM opened a large part of its exhibitions to visitors. This comes almost a year after the first shutdown on March 13, 2020.

Set up in time for the reopening, the installation *Connected to Life* (2021) by artist Chiharu Shiota, born 1972 in Osaka, Japan, and currently living in Berlin, was curated by Richard Castelli und Peter Weibel. The artwork situates the visitor in current events:

"The installation *Connected to Life* by Chiharu Shiota is a memorial to commemorate the victims of the COVID-19 virus, and a tribute to those who work tirelessly every day for the health and lives of their fellow human beings while risking their own." (Peter Weibel)

A cascade of 57 metal bedsteads from the ceiling to the floor calls to mind the current images of hospital corridors. The plastic tubes filled with red color are like the veins through which vital blood and oxygen flow. The installation also stands for the hope that human compassion and science can help us find a way out of the pandemic and overcome its consequences.

Further information: https://zkm.de/en/connected-to-life

Facts about the Opening:

What's on show?

Open now:

Foyer: Chiharu Shiota. Connected to Life

Atrium 1+2, Ground Floor + First Floor: Critical Zones. Observatories for

Earthly Politics

Atrium 8+9: Writing the History of the Future (restructured)

Museum Balcony: Alexander Schubert. CRAWLERS

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Opening of the Museum 17.03.2021

Duration of the Installation

Connected to Life

Wed, 17.03.-Sun, 11.07.2021

Location **ZKM**

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From May 1, 2021: Atrium 1+2, Second Floor: **zkm_gameplay. the next level**

From May 1, 2021: Atrium 1+2, Second Floor: **BarabásiLab. Hidden Patterns**

From May 8, 2021: Cube, Subspace: **Jean Remy's Talking Tubes** From May 14, 2021: Atrium 9, Ground Floor: **digilog_lounge**

Further information on the abovementioned exhibitions can be found on our website https://zkm.de/en/exhibitions, and upcoming exhibitions are given in our 2021 Overview.

Where can I get tickets, and what are the conditions?

A visit to an exhibition in an Atrium is only possible after prior digital registration for a time slot (2 hours for each exhibition). Tickets cannot be purchased on-site. Tickets are valid both on smartphones and as a printout.

To register and purchase tickets visit: https://tickets.zkm.de

The installations in the Foyer and on the Museum Balcony are included in the ticket price. The ZKM's free Friday afternoon at the ZKM has been suspended until further notice. Combined tickets and family tickets are not available until further notice.

Click here for current ticket prices: https://zkm.de/en/admission-fees

What should visitors consider?

The maximum number of visitors in an exhibition is limited to 120 people. Group admissions are limited to a maximum of five people from one to two households. Children of the one to two households up to and including 14 years of age do not count as part of the total number. The current rules for hygiene and distancing still apply. Wearing a medical mask or FFP2 mask is mandatory. At the entrances there will be a temperature check with infrared thermometers. For further information on measures and the situation on-site: https://zkm.de/en/corona-guidelines

What are the opening times?

Mon-Tue: Closed Wed-Fri 10 am-6 pm Sat-Sun: 11 am-6 pm

Where can I find information about the ZKM's digital program and digital exhibitions?

https://zkm.de/en/digital

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