

Acts of Friendship

An exhibition conceived collaboratively by the museum team with works from the collection of the Migros Museum für Gegenwartskunst

Act 1: 28 January to 2 April 2023
Act 2: 5 April to 28 May 2023
Act 3: 10 June to 17 September 2023

With works from the collection by Alex Bag / Patterson Beckwith, Phyllida Barlow, Judith Bernstein, Alighiero Boetti, Olaf Breuning, Angela Bulloch, Mary Beth Edelson, Esther Eppstein, Ruth Erdt, Annika Eriksson, Fischli / Weiss, Alicia Framis, Gabriela Fridriksdóttir, Jan Peter Hammer, Lyle Ashton Harris, Martin Kippenberger, Lang / Baumann, Teresa Margolles, Bernhard Martin, Muda Mathis, Mickry 3, Claudia & Julia Müller, Juan Muñoz, Elodie Pong, Annika Ström and Rirkrit Tiravanija

Friendship is nowadays often understood as a connection based on mutual trust that sustains and supports us – also and especially in times of crisis. Yet friendships are also highly complex, paradoxical formations, which are impossible to pin down in normative categories and which also hold profoundly subversive potential. While friendships help us conduct ourselves as individuals in the outside world, they can also provide a way to collectively make our voices heard and resist social (power) structures.

Inspired by Ragnar Kjartansson's video installation *The Visitors*, which can be viewed as a tribute to friendship, for the exhibition *Acts of Friendship* the team of the Migros Museum für Gegenwartskunst have selected works from the collection that in their view embody specific aspects of friendship. Over the exhibition period of eight months, around thirty works will be displayed in three thematic constellations.

While these works represent the personal visions, viewpoints, attitudes and approaches to friendship held by the individual members of our team, they also provide starting points for investigating the topic of friendship, which is as many-layered as the various attitudes and approaches themselves. It is certainly no coincidence that many of the works on display date from a time in which art, everyday life and social practice converged and fed into one another; known as relational aesthetics, these artistic practices from the 1990s are based on interpersonal relations and interactions. Not only did they accompany the beginnings of our museum and leave traces in its collection; today they also provide us with the impetus to build on old and new friendship networks and to integrate local communities.

Acts of Friendship is primarily concerned not with the caring and nurturing friendships forged within our most intimate circle, but rather with fellowships and value systems that reach far into the social and political spheres – complexities, alliances and solidarity. There is not far to go from coming together and conversing in close and trusted company to a sense of community that makes us take a public stand for our convictions and values, turning us into a politically active and acting collective.

The following have collaborated on this exhibition:

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Public Guided Tour (German/English)

Saturday, 3-4 pm, Thursday, 6.30-7.30 pm
Migros Museum für Gegenwartskunst

Every first Saturday from 3 pm and every second and third Thursday from 6.30 pm each month, the museum offers public tours of the exhibitions *Acts of Friendship* and *Ragnar Kjartansson – The Visitors*, which provide an in-depth look at the themes and backgrounds of the two exhibitions.

The tours are free of charge and without registration.
Dates on migrosmuseum.ch/agenda

Family Afternoon (German)

The Migros Museum für Gegenwartskunst opens its doors especially for families on the following Sundays, 2-5 pm, in the Atelier in the basement:

- Sunday, January 29
- Sunday, March 5
- Sunday, May 5, for the international museum day
- Sunday, June 6

With: Cynthia Gavranic and Len Mettler (art educators)
Children only accompanied by adults, ideal age: 3-12 years old

Art Detectives (German)

Our clever exhibition riddles on the theme of friendship in the exhibitions are once again available for little sleuths to pick up at the reception!

- Available from Friday, February 10
- Free offer
- 12 Backpacks with the equipment can not be reserved
- Ideal age: 8-12 years
(with the help of adults also suitable for younger children)

Art Fridays (German/English)

Once a month on Fridays (3-6 pm), people with and without refugee experience meet alternately at the Migros Museum für Gegenwartskunst and in the Duttweiler meeting room for joint creation and an inspiring exchange. Do you also want to get creative and join in?

Forthcoming dates: 17/2, 24/3, 28/4, 26/5, 23/6 /2023

More information: www.migrosmuseum.ch

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