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Groundbreaking ceremony for the new Kunsthaus Baselland at Dreispitz



On the morning of March 30, 2022, the time had finally come: As the owner of the building, the Kunsthaus Baselland Foundation (Sven Hoffmann, President), together with the Kunstverein Baselland (Marina Meijer-von Tscharnier, President) and a representative from the Kunsthaus Baselland (Ines Goldbach, Director), were able to invite guests to the groundbreaking ceremony and thus the beginning of the construction of the new Kunsthaus Baselland at Dreispitz. Designed by Buchner Bründler Architekten, the conversion will be complete by the end of 2023 and the venue will then be ready for use. This is a major milestone for this Baselland cultural institution.

The conversion was made possible by funding from important partners such as the canton of Basel-Landschaft, the Christoph Merian Foundation, and the Basellandschaftliche Kantonalbank, as well as donations from large foundations, companies and private individuals. Further donations are currently being acquired to finance an optimized exhibition structure as well as the furnishing of the foyer and facilities to facilitate operations. This will lead Kunsthaus Baselland into a sustainable future.

As Government Councillor Monica Gschwind emphasized in her welcoming remarks to a large invited audience, Kunsthaus Baselland is one of the most important beacons of the canton of Basel-Landschaft, with a distinctive, outstanding curatorial program that promotes regional art together with international positions.

With the new Kunsthaus Baselland at Dreispitz, the region now has a new building for contemporary art that meets the modern requirements of an exhibition venue and adds another major player and innovator to the up-and-coming Dreispitz area, which already boasts a number of cultural and educational institutions.

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