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Press release

GOSSIP matters hard to grasp

Twin exhibition as part of the Artmix exchange programme

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11:00 - 19:00

Cercle Cité
Luxembourg

Free entrance

Opening on 03.05.2024 at 18:00

Until the 14th century, "I'm going out with my gossip" was a common declaration used by predominantly assigned females at birth and femme identifying individuals to describe that they were meeting up with trusted others. In the context of that time, "gossip" described not only friends, but generally people who shared wisdom(s). The gossips were also responsible for passing on stories orally and thus made an important contribution to the well-being of the community.

With the rise of capitalism and the associated degradation of womxn's knowledge, the meaning of the word changed towards informal chatter. Today, the term still embodies the negative connotation and the embedded devaluation of "femme" knowledge systems and labor.

In the spirit of the original meaning, the four artmix-artists **Noé Duboutay** (*1995 in Luxembourg; lives between Berlin and Luxembourg), **Darja Linder** (*1992 in Thälmanskij/Russia; lives and works in Saarbrücken), **Sophia Lökenhoff** (*1989 in Essen/Germany; lives and works in Berlin) and **Hannah Mevis** (*1989 in Heidelberg/Germany; lives and works between Saarbrücken and Brussels) are developing a twin-exhibition centered on the interweaving of memories and the political act of exchanging knowledge:

„We are artists, friends, and trusted gossips who engage with personal backgrounds, experiences, physicalities, and curiosities. We do this to counter the greed of toxic power structures with values that lie beyond the patriarchy. In the communal refusal to solidify, we offer multiple counter-positions that let us move towards the wisdom of forgotten stories.

We invite you to witness our gathering(s) to immerse yourself in worlds of matters that are hard to grasp."



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Artmix is an exchange program between the cities of Saarbrücken and Luxembourg. The cooperation partners of the project are the **Stadtgalerie Saarbrücken** and from Luxembourg the **Cercle Cité, neimënster**, as well as **Casino Display**.

The project, which has been running since 2005, connects artists from the Greater Region. The objective is to promote regional networking between neighboring art scenes and various disciplines, aiming to facilitate new forms of collaboration and professionalization. After the Artmix project was temporarily suspended due to the pandemic (11th edition: 2019), it resumed in 2023 with new partners in Luxembourg.

For the current edition, the jury decided in favor of the artists Noé Duboutay (he/they) for Luxembourg and Darja Linder (she/her) for Saarbrücken. Noé decided to include Sophia Lökenhoff (they/them) in the team and Darja selected Hannah Mevis (she/her).

During the exchange, the participants worked together for three weeks in Luxembourg (neimënster) in December 2023 and then for three weeks in Saarbrücken (Stadtgalerie Saarbrücken) in March 2024. The group then developed and curated the two exhibitions.

The exhibitions will take place from May 3 to May 26, 2024, at the Stadtgalerie Saarbrücken, and from May 4 to June 30, 2024, at the Cercle Cité in Luxembourg. Casino Display is as a network partner.

Organisation	Artmix exchange program between the cities of Saarbrücken and Luxembourg
Partners	Stadtgalerie Saarbrücken, Cercle Cité, neimënster and Casino Display
Artists and curators	Noé Duboutay (he/they), Darja Linder (she/her), Sophia Lökenhoff (they/them), and Hannah Mevis (she/her)
Location	Large room of the <i>Ratskeller</i> exhibition space

Exhibition opening at Cercle Cité

Friday 3rd of May at 18:00

Free entrance, without registration.

Photographs will be taken during the opening for Cercle Cité's communication.

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Practical information and press contacts

Exhibition	« GOSSIP matters hard to grasp »
Dates	From May 4 th until June 30 th 2024
Opening hours	Free entrance, everyday from 11:00 to 19:00
Venue	<i>Ratskeller</i> exhibition space, entrance via rue du Curé
Free guided tour	Every Saturday at 15:00 04.05 (FR) 11.05 (EN) 18.05 (LU/DE) 25.05 (FR) 01.06 (EN) 15.06 (LU/DE) 22.06 (FR) 29.06 (EN) <i>Free entrance and without registration</i>
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