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Herford

Kerstin Brätsch
Marta Award by the Wemhöner Foundation
28. 11. 2026 – 28. 2. 2027
Lippold-Gallery

Press tour: Thu, 26. 11. 2026, 11 am
Opening and Award Ceremony: Fri, 27. 11. 2026, 7 pm

Kerstin Brätsch (born 1979 in Hamburg, lives and works in Berlin) transforms the Lippold Gallery into a living organism. Materiality, color, surface, and space intertwine, dissolving the boundaries between painting, sculpture, and architecture.

A key element of the exhibition is the floor itself. Drawing on a mosaic project she previously realized, the artist has designed a vinyl floor for Marta that covers all 350 square meters of gallery space on the museum's first floor. Here, large-scale paintings created specifically for the exhibition encounter sculptural elements made from printed cardboard, alongside a video work. The various media and techniques merge into an immersive environment in which painting is not not just something to look at, but something to experience. It becomes a living, dynamic presence that engages the senses and blurs the boundaries between image, space, and perception.

The Marta Award carries a prize of €25,000 and includes, among other things, the acquisition of a work for the Collection Marta. The award, in its new format is presented every two years.The recipient is selected by an independent expert jury, to recognize distinctive artistic positions and support the expansion of the museum's collection.

An accompanying catalog will be published, featuring a foreword by Heiner Wemhöner and contributions by Kathleen Rahn and Kirsty Bell. Spanning approximately 200 pages, the publication brings together more than 40 works. Concept by Kerstin Brätsch and Dan Solbach; graphic design by Dan Solbach. Published in both German and English. Further details will be announced in due course.

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Events

Fri, November 27, 2026, 7 pm, Opening and Award Ceremony
With a greeting by Anke Theisen, Mayor of the City of Herford. Kathleen Rahn, Director of Marta Herford, will introduce the exhibition, followed by an artist talk with Kerstin Brätsch. The award ceremony will be held by Heiner Wemhöner, Chairman of the Board of Trustees of the Wemhöner Foundation. The exhibition will be open to visitors from 6 pm. Art speakers will be available in the Lippold Gallery, and the café will serve drinks and food. Free entrance!

Fri, November 27, 2026, 4.30 pm, Children's Vernissage
The children's vernissage *All About Colour!* invites children and their adult companions to be the very first visitors to the exhibition. Before the official opening, families are invited to enjoy a short guided tour of the Lippold Gallery. After exploring Brätsch's immersive installation combining painting, sculpture, and video, participants can get creative in a follow-up workshop at the Marta Studio. Free of charge; places are limited. Registration is requested at bildung@marta-herford.de.

Public Guided Tours
Every Wednesday at 6.00 pm (the museum remains open until 8.00 pm on Wednesdays), as well as Saturdays, Sundays, and public holidays at 3.00 pm.
On selected Wednesdays, the curator's tour replaces the regular public tour.
Tickets: €3.50 plus exhibition admission. No registration required. Tickets available online or at the museum desk.

Family Tours
Every fourth Sunday of the month, 2.00–3.00 pm.
Adults: €3.50 plus admission. Children: free admission.
Recommended for elementary school children up to age 14.

Public Architecture Tours
Every first and third Sunday of the month, 2.00–3.00 pm.
Tickets: €3.50 plus exhibition admission. No registration required. Tickets available online or at the museum box office.

Public Tours for Blind and Visually Impaired Visitors
Specially designed guided tours featuring detailed verbal descriptions of artworks and spaces.
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Tickets: €3.50 plus reduced admission. Companions are admitted free of charge.
Registration required. Capacity is limited.

Free Guided Tours for Educators
Wed, Dec 2, 4.30 – 6.00 pm

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Workshops for Companies and Private Groups
Whether for birthdays, team building, or other occasions, workshops in the Marta Atelier offer creative opportunities inspired by the exhibitions. Participants explore artistic approaches and techniques through hands-on activities.
Appointments by arrangement: bildung@marta-herford.de

Press Information

This press release as well as exhibition images are available for download in the press section at https://marta-herford.de/presse/

The password for the image section is: **M4rt4pr3ss3**

We would be happy to arrange background discussions and interview opportunities. For this – and any further – information, please contact us by telephone on +49 (0)5221 99 44 30-27 or by email at presse@marta-herford.de

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Exhibition Information

Artistic Director
Kathleen Rahn (Director, Marta Herford)

Exhibits
Around 40 works, ranging from paintings, sculpture and film

Exhibition Space
Lippold Gallery: around 350 square meters

Dates
28. 11. 2026 – 28. 2. 2027

Venue
Marta Herford, Goebenstraβe 2–10, D-32052 Herford

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Opening Hours
Tue–Sun and on public holidays 11.00 am to 6.00 pm, Wed 11.00 am to 8.00 pm
Closed on 24/25/31 Dec and Good Friday
Open on 26 Dec 11.00 am to 6.00 pm, New Year's Day from 1.00 pm

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