



## VIENNA ART WEEK 2017

**In her work, cyborg Moon Ribas unites art and science. Last week she gave an earthquake guest performance at the VIENNA ART WEEK art festival.**

(Vienna, 21 November 2017) Sunday, 19 November, was the last day of the 13th VIENNA ART WEEK, themed *Transforming Technology*. A highlight in the annual art calendar, the art festival once again featured a broad program with around 200 top-class events from approximately 70 program partners.

As part of the Art&Technology Line-Up at MAK Wien, **Cyborg Moon Ribas** gave a performance epicentered on earthquakes in Austria during the past 30 years. A leading figure of the cyborg movement, the Spanish artist has had a real-time sensor implanted indicating earthquakes all over the world. Delivered before a capacity crowd in MAK's Columned Main Hall, her performance was definitely a highlight of the art week.

Vienna's major museums, art universities and galleries, numerous exhibition spaces and independent initiatives contributed to VIENNA ART WEEK's great program variety. This year's festival saw the first *Alternative Spaces Open House*, which cast a spotlight on emerging artists' alternative practices of art production and presentation.

For *Open Studio Day*, an annual fixture of VIENNA ART WEEK, 100 artists opened their studios to the art-loving public. An estimated 4.000 aficionados accepted the invitation to participate in one of numerous guided studio tours to talk to artists in person and learn about their practices. Festival highlights also included a series of panel discussions and lectures such as a highly topical contribution from the renowned Dutch art market expert **Rachel Pownall** about the impact of new Blockchain technologies on the art market – a lecture delivered at DOROTHEUM Vienna.

With more than 35.000 visitors, VIENNA ART WEEK 2017 sent out a strong signal to the national and international art world, providing an ideal opportunity for the art scene to connect and exchange views. VIENNA ART WEEK is due to be back in November 2018.

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