

Mothering Communities: Public Programme

Registration: The number of participants in some events is limited; please register one day before the event date by contacting: motheringcommunities@gmail.com (including name, age and number of participants). Let us know if you need childcare.

Pre-Opening

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Recovering Life, part 1

Based on her* work with an abortion garden in the 6th district, the* artist* invites you to a multi-part, multi-lingual and multi-voiced action with the collective **Abya Yala De(s)colonial – Claudia Alanes, Catherine Gómez, Angie González Narváez, Marisel Orellana Bongola and Marivel Saldaña Torres. The gathering focuses on plant-based women's medicine and addresses reproductive selfdetermination.

Saturday, July 1, 4 to 7 pm

1060, Richard Waldemar Park (in front of the Family Centre, Mollardgasse)

Lecture performance & action, Eng./ Ger./ Spa.

Opening, July 6, 5 pm

Isabella Kohlhuber

Child Care Pavilion

The Child Care Pavilion relocates care and childcare into public space. It mediates between the inside and outside. The pavilion is a stage, a place to linger and a site that allows for exchange, conversation and play.

Musikarbeiterinnen*kapelle

The band was formed to overcome the trauma of the classical brass band: workers' songs and techno covers instead of marches, progressive freshness instead of conservative boredom, innovation instead of tradition – still all on brass instruments.

SOL.lab.Zones

(Solar Manufaktur, mosaic.art.project & Blubbergarten)

Together with Solar Manufaktur, mosaic.art.project and Blubbergarten offer freshly prepared delicacies full of sun and love. (free donation)

Week one, July 1 – 8

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Recovering Life, part 2

Following the first part of her* action, the artist invites us to collectively build a new social fabric and inhabit the world differently. We prepare drinks with herbs and talk about women*s health and mother*hood in the arts.

Friday, July 7, 4 – 7 pm Lecture performance & action, Eng./ Ger./ Spa.

Manuela Zechner

Commoning Care & Collective Power

Based on the publication *Commoning Care & Collective Power* (2021), the author presents the challenges and potentials of self-organised childcare. Participants will learn the method of "care network mapping" and reflect on networks, relationships and experiences. Together we will imagine new care constellations.

Saturday, July 8, 10 am – 1 pm

Workshop for mothers and carers, Ger./ Eng., on-site childcare – please register.

Grossi Maglioni

Beast Mother, Birthing Positions

The workshop is part of the *Beast Mother* project, which explores the transformative potential of maternal care work. Birth, its iconography and the social norms sedimented in it are the subjects of the workshop. Prehistoric finds, ancient mythology and science fiction will be related to the concrete (or imagined) experience of bearing a child. Birth positions will be explored and assembled as fabric silhouettes into a temporary collective sculpture.

Saturday, July 8, 3 – 6 pm

The workshop is aimed at people who have given birth or will give birth or those who want to engage with this experience, Eng., on-site childcare – please register.

Grossi Maglioni

Beast Mother (Rome, 2023)

The publication is based on artistic work with motherhood and caring relationships, the potential of which Grossi Maglioni investigated as part of an artistic research project.

Saturday, July 8, 7 pm

Book presentation and conversation, Eng., moderated by Barbara Mahlke

Week two, July 9 – 15

Deniz Sözen

Mother(-Countries) – Mother(-Tongues)

In the workshop, the artist invites participants to search for traces – in the crevices and sounds of mother tongue(s), diaspora and migration, in text, word and song. Remembered and imagined sounds, words, images and smells of mothers – their bodies, languages and voices – serve as material. The potential of multilingual voices of mothers will be explored through whispering, singing, crying, clapping and laughing – and by creating a collective sound collage.

Thursday, July 13, 4 – 7 pm & Saturday, July 15, 10 am – 1 pm

Workshop for mothers and carers, Ger./ Eng., on-site childcare – please register.

Lena Rosa Händle

Of Feathers, Earth and Leaves: Creating Community with Nature

For *Mothering Communities*, the artist researched the pedagogy of the British Forest School and developed two workshops for children and their companions as an artistic-creative exchange process with nature. The focus is on getting to know materials from nature and experimenting with them. The forest is explored, found objects are collected and magic wands, jewellery, small sculptures or even witches, fairies, robots and animals are created.

Friday, July 14, 3 – 6 pm

Headdresses, forest jewellery and magic wands (for age 4+), get-together

Saturday, July 15, 3 – 6 pm

Muddy faces: witches, fairies, robots and animals (for age 2+)

Workshops for children and accompanying adults, Ger./ Eng., – please register.

Guadalupe Aldrete, Anežka Jabůrková & Amalija Stojšavljevic, Nora Mayr & Stephanie Winter

Motherhood, Community and Care in the Context of Art

The invited curators and artists have recently organised exhibitions interrogating the theme of care relations in and around mother*hood. They will discuss the contradictions and potentials of art, society and mother*hood based on their artistic, curatorial and personal experiences.

Saturday, July 15, 7 pm

Presentation and conversation, Eng., moderated by Barbara Mähknecht

Week three, July 16 – 22

Käthe Hager von Strobele

Repeating Patterns

In her workshop, the artist takes up the relationship between repetition and displacement that characterises maternal care work. Together with children, we collect leaves, grasses, flowers, twigs and barks, which are then used to create a collectively made pattern of repetition and deviation using the gelatin-plate printing process on a textile panel.

Friday, July 21, 3 – 6 pm & Saturday, July 22, 3 – 6 pm

Workshop for children aged 3+ and their accompanying adults – please register.

Guadalupe Aldrete

Schnittstellen* III

In the performance, Aldrete explores being born and birthing as formative experiences. Drawing on Tamalpa Life / Art Process®, self-hypnosis, somatic self-observation and breathing techniques, she traces the impossibility of memory and discovers that “all secrets lie in the skin and touch”. Schnittstellen* III is a site-specific work and follows Schnittstellen* I and II.

Saturday, July 22, 7 pm

Live performance

Week four, July 23 – 29

Solar Manufaktur / Irene Lucas, mosaic.art.project & Blubbergarten

Slow Cooking and Tasting with the Sun

Solar Manufaktur / Irene Lucas combines energy-autonomous cooking with new urban ecologies of art and life. We cook with the sun, ferment and celebrate the finale of the Mothering Communities project.

Saturday, July 29, 4 – 9 pm

All carers, interested people and children are welcome! Please register

Website: <https://www.motheringcommunities.com>

Instagram: <https://www.instagram.com/motheringcommunities/>

Opening hours

During opening hours, visitors can use the grounds of Mothering Communities site and the Child Care Pavilion. Play and stay are welcome and appreciated!

Wed 3pm-6pm (12/07, 19/07 and 26/07)

Thu 15-19 h (13/07, 20/07 and 27/07)

Fri 3pm-8pm (07/07, 14/07, 21/07 and 28/07)

Sat 10am-1pm and 3pm-2pm (08/07 and 15/07)

Sat 3pm-2pm (22/07 and 29/07)

**Initiated and curated by Barbara Mahlkecht
Child Care Pavilion by Isabella Kohlhuber**

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