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PROJECT M/7

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PERSONS OF INTEREST Opens Project M/7 for UN with 12 Brooklyn Artists on March 14, 2015, curated by Steven P. Harrington and Jaime Rojo.



Urban Nation (UN) and Brooklyn Street Art (BSA) bring Brooklyn to Berlin with *Persons of Interest*, a portraiture show for Project M/7. New original artworks by 12 diverse Brooklyn Street Artists will appear on the façade and in the windows of the future Urban Nation 'House'. Reception to follow at UN Pop Up Space where artists and the curators will be personally on hand to meet guests.



PERSONS OF INTEREST

Curated by Steven P. Harrington and Jaime Rojo, authors, lecturers, and co-founders of the influential and respected urban contemporary art site Brooklyn Street Art (BSA) (BrooklynSteetArt.com).

Location: Bülowstrasse 7/97, 10783 Berlin, Germany Dates: March 14 – June 15, 2015

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Project M/7 DESCRIPTION:

Straight out of Brooklyn *Persons of Interest* is a portraiture show in the street level windows of the future UN home in Berlin by a select group of important Brooklyn street artists who represent a cross section of styles and techniques seen on walls, in doorways and everywhere else on the streets of Brooklyn during the last decade and a half.

Painters, illustrators, sculptors, collagists, stencillists, paper cutters, wheat-pasters – each artist creates a portrait paying tribute to Berlin, it's sociopolitical and creative culture, and its connection to the streets of New York.

"Brooklyn and Berlin have deep roots together - artist and cultural connections that correlate with the history and language of modern graffiti, street art, and urban art," says Steven P. Harrington, BSA Editor in Chief and co-curator of *Persons of Interest*. "We've witnessed a cross-cultural exchange with Berlin as artists and curators in the last decade and a half, and today the connections in both cities are as strong as ever."

From the elevated painted subway trains that rumbled through New York by graffiti writers like Brooklyn's Dondi in the 1970s and 80s to the spirit of free expression of hundreds of aerosol artists on the Berlin wall, both cities today boast a vibrant urban art scene that is known around the world.

"When Yasha Young (UN Director) asked us if we could bring Brooklyn to Berlin we jumped at the opportunity because we've always admired the hard-driving graffiti and street art scene that Berlin is famous for and we knew a number of artists who would love to make fresh work for the streets at the UN," says co-curator Jaime Rojo who also is the Director of Photography for BSA and their various cultural, academic and publishing projects.

"Without exception," says Rojo, "each artist coming with us from New York is excited to create a portrait that pays tribute to the culture of Berlin – even though many have never visited previously. We're all looking forward to hanging out with creative peeps and fans of urban art in our sister city."

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Persons of Interest asks each artist to choose as subject a portrait of a German or Brooklyn figure with a German connection who has inspired him or her personally or professionally. The chosen persons, to be unveiled March 14th for UN's Project M/7, include artists, poets, writers, a political theorist, a social activist, a civil engineer and of course a glamorous leading lady of the silver screen, among others. "The point is that Street Art often takes its inspiration from society and the street, acting as a mirror that reflects us back to ourselves. We all wanted to reflect aspects of Berlin's rich culture back to the passersby of UN as well," says Harrington.

Graffiti, Street Art, and the D.I.Y. scenes of Berlin and Brooklyn continue to be vital and *Persons of Interest* honors the fertile environment that fosters the creative spirit in both cities. After the unveiling of the street level M/7 exhibition of 10 windows and a huge new mural on the four-storey façade, BSA and UN invite guests to a reception and a show with new works directly on the walls at the UN Pop Up Space. The show will open at 7-22 pm (in Bülowstrasse 97) with a reception where guests will have the opportunity to meet the curators and artists in person.

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