

Planetary Forest



18.6.-2.7.

Neuer Kunstverein Gießen
growing exhibition

23.6.

City Forest Rosbach v.d.H.
performance

24.6.

Botanical Garden Gießen
art installation

25.6.

Neuer Kunstverein Gießen
exhibition opening

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The participatory artwork **Planetary Forest: Bring the Forest into the Garden** refers to the scientific and cultural-technical construction of worlds. Placed on a free-standing green area next to the newly built greenhouses of the Botanical Garden Giessen, the regional forest soil is relocated and recreated as a living sculpture. The planetary material comes from an ecological disturbance area in the city forest of Rosbach vor der Höhe, Hesse, which was severely affected by forest dieback. The supposedly natural forest is carried into the man made world of the botanical garden. There, it serves as an ethical, aesthetic, ecological, and political disruption that sensitizes visitors to the forest dieback topic and the artificiality of nature. Like a crack in the perfectly constructed reality, a discourse opens up here about the problems caused by climate change and human impact in local forests and in the planetary context.

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June 18 - July 2 | »growing« exhibition @ Neuer Kunstverein Giessen e.V.

The exhibition will grow over three weeks to document the preparation, execution, and projected afterlife of the »Planetary Forest« live.

June 23 | 9 am - 5 pm | performance @ City Forest Rosbach v. d. H.

Narrative walkabout through the Rosbach city forest introduces participants (registration via e-mail) to the complexity of the forest with all their senses. Afterwards collective gathering of forest matter as building material for the sculpture.

June 24 | 12 - 5 pm | art installation @ Botanical Garden Giessen

June 24 | 5 - 7 pm | grand opening @ Botanical Garden Giessen

Construction of the forest-sculpture in the Botanical Garden, together with participants of the performative excursion in the city forest of Rosbach v. d. H. [Botanical Garden, Senckenbergstr. 6, 35390 Giessen]

June 25 | 1 - 3 pm | guided tour @ Botanical Garden Giessen

June 25 | 3 pm | exhibition opening @ Neuer Kunstverein Giessen e.V.

Guided tour/presentation of the sculpture »Planetary Forest« in the Botanical Garden and subsequent opening of the accompanying exhibition at the Neuer Kunstverein Giessen e.V. [Licherstr., Nahrungsberg Corner, 35394 Giessen]

Interested in becoming part of the participatory artwork?

Registration via panel@planet.uni-giessen.de

Transport organized for a limited number of participants from Giessen
[registration due: June 18, 2022]

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