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# Küchenmonument

A social sculpture outside the Berlinische Galerie Dinner, talks and workshops with raumlabor berlin 28.08., 15.09., 17.09. und 02.10.2014



People meet in Architecture,
Biennale di Architettura, Venedig, 2010,

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The kitchen is a place for contact and communication. The *Küchenmonument* is a mobile social sculpture that places the kitchen within the public space. After Liverpool, Duisburg, Utrecht and Venice, the "kitchen monument" is coming to Berlin to expand the Berlinische Galerie into its urban surroundings while the building is closed. This inflated translucent room for temporary communities unfolds like a bubble right outside the museum. The Berlinische Galerie is extending an invitation to four events: discussions of current urban issues, a workshop, cocktails, and community cooking.

The *Küchenmonument* project unites raumlabor berlin with plastique fantastique. raumlabor berlin have been practising their combination of art, architecture and urban intervention since 1999. The inflatable mobile structure was first conceived in 2006 and has already been shown in a number of places. It exists in two states: an unassuming zinc-clad box, and a pneumatic spatial mantle which grows out of the sculpture in the form of a bubble. The inside can be designed flexibly. Installing the *Küchenmonument* outside the Berlinische Galerie is also a contribution both to debate about how to use public space in the city and to the museum's interaction with its surroundings.



# Events in the Küchenmonument:

Admission to all events is free.

Limited access, reservation required: kuechenmonument@berlinischegalerie.de, one week in advance.

# 28.08., 3-9 pm

# Do you think?

Public construction workshop where we will prepare food together and then dine together at a long table pieced together from furniture we make ourselves. Visitors and neighbours are invited to build items to designs from the raumlabor do-it-yourself furniture collection. No prior experience necessary. You can take the chair you made home with you.

Reservation required until 21.08.2014: kuechenmonument@berlinischegalerie.de

# 15.09., 7-9 pm

#### Flussbad Berlin e.V.

Berlin's "Kupfergraben" as a natural swimming pool! Relaxing alongside the River Seine in Paris! Talk with international initiatives about urban development potentialities. The cities are reclaiming their rivers. A discussion about current developments in Berlin, Paris and elsewhere with activists from Flussbad Berlin e.V. and Berges de Seine.

Talk in English and German

Küchenmonument open from 3 pm, Catering: Vatos Tacos Taco Truck Reservation required until 08.09.2014: kuechenmonument@berlinischegalerie.de

#### 17.09., 6-9 pm

### **Discursive Dinner**

### Opening a sphere for temporary activities and structures

Where and how does architecture allow for experiments about how we want to build, shelter and lead our lives if every investment immediately generates the same new rigid structures? What if we don't just want to use buildings flexibly but to make building itself an experiment? Cooking together, discussions, input from raumlabor berlin and guests.

Talk in English and German

Küchenmonument open from 3 pm, cold drinks available

Reservation required until 10.09.2014: kuechenmonument@berlinischegalerie.de

## 02.10., 7-9 pm

# atelier le balto

Garden in the City – landscape architects atelier le balto chat to Brigitte Franzen, Director of the Ludwig Forum for International Art, Aachen.

Talk in German

Catering: Vatos Tacos Taco Truck

Reservation required until 25.09.2014: kuechenmonument@berlinischegalerie.de

15.09. and 17.09. events in the context of Berlin Art Week.

