



## **Regionale 24. Touch and Fire**

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**November 25, 2023 – January 19, 2024**

Curated by **Simone Neuenschwander** and **Noëlle Pia**

Two motifs crystallize in the exhibition: touch and fire. The works of 19 artists spread out in the field of tension between hands, which suggest tactile and mental touch, and the oppressive danger of fire. "Touch" is revealed in the handling of soft and hard materials, the investigation of consistencies, direct and indirect imprints, and as a metaphor of art production itself. In addition to the sense of touch, which can have material as well as emotional functions, other sensory modalities are addressed such as the sense of hearing, motor function, and the generation of memory. Fire encompasses another dimension: heat as a sensory stimulus is highly threatening and also refers to the forest fires in Europe and the need for action in the face of the climate crisis. In this context, the German sayings "die Hand ins Feuer legen" ("to put one's hand in the fire") and "es brennt unter den Fingernägeln" ("it burns under the fingernails") underline the urgency of creating art and reacting to our current world.

### **Regionale 24**

The Regionale is an annual group exhibition developed in the context of a cross-border cooperation of 20 institutions in Germany, France, and Switzerland with a focus on local, contemporary art production in the three-country region around Basel.

**[www.regionale.org](http://www.regionale.org)**

## **Opening:**

**Saturday, November 25, 2023, 11 am**

Welcome:

Dr. Stefan Suter, local councilor

Simone Neuenschwander and Noëlle Pia, curators of the exhibition

## **Events:**

**Wednesday, November 29, 2023, 6 pm**

Exhibition tour with the curators and conversations with the artists Karen Amanda Moser, Noemi Pfister and Rodrigo Toro Madrid (German and English)

**Wednesday, December 13, 2023, 6 pm**

Curator's tour with Simone Neuenschwander and Noëlle Pia

## **Museum Night 2024:**

**Friday, January 19, 2024, 6 pm to 2 am**

**6 to 9 pm**

Experimenting with colorful drawing objects

Studio for all ages with Rebekka Moser

**6.30, 7.30, 8.30 pm**

Insights – short tours through the Regionale 24

The curators Simone Neuenschwander and Noëlle Pia guide through the exhibition

**9.30, 10.30 pm**

Fragile Hedge – Music performance by Yanik Soland

A Japanese koto and a built instrument: free improvisation meets electronic sounds

Culinary: winter grill over the fire bowl

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Opening hours over the holidays:

December 24 / 25 / 26, 2023 closed

December 31, 2023 and January 1, 2024 closed