

Press Info

Explore Vienna's Vibrant Art Scene at Independent Space Index 2025

Vienna, Austria: May 30 – June 1, 2025 – Vienna is home to a colorful and diverse network of galleries and independent art spaces. To celebrate and highlight this dynamic scene, the festival takes place during the **last weekend of May**. Over the **course of three days**, approximately **50 art spaces** open their doors to the public, offering a rich program of **exhibitions, vernissages, guided tours, curator talks, artist gatherings**, and more. This citywide event is **free of charge** and open to everyone.

Independent Space Index 2025 provides a unique opportunity to explore Vienna's independent art spaces, which collectively host **citywide open house days**. During the last weekend of May, all participating spaces will be open from 2 to 6 p.m., allowing visitors to experience ongoing exhibitions without the need for pre-registration. This festival not only showcases experimental and emerging art but also encourages visitors to discover the city beyond its well-trodden tourist paths.

A **press tour** will take place on **May 29 at 11 AM**, visiting a selection of participating art spaces. Further details will follow.

Get in touch for further information, your visit + thank you for circling the dates and programm in your medium.

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Why Visit Independent Space Index 2025

The long weekend is a rare chance to engage with Vienna's thriving independent art scene in an intimate and accessible way. Opening receptions and special events allow audiences to meet the artists in person and gain insight into their creative processes. Independent spaces play a crucial role in supporting artists at pivotal moments in their careers, offering a platform for experimentation and innovation.

What is an Independent Space?

An Independent Space is defined as a self-organized exhibition space that primarily and programmatically exhibits contemporary art. These spaces, often operating as Kunstvereine (Art Associations), are accessible to the public, engage in mediation work, and do not strive for financial profit. Independent Space Index lists permanent physical spaces in Vienna that publicly exhibit contemporary art and are neither commercial galleries nor major institutions.

Independent Space Index 2025 invites everyone to mark their calendars for this inspiring weekend and immerse themselves in Vienna's artistic vibrancy. For collaborations, further information, or media inquiries, please do not hesitate to contact us.

Where is the festival taking place?

The festival takes place simultaneously at multiple locations, showcasing Vienna's decentralized network of art spaces. With open house days at participating venues, visitors can easily explore many of them in a short time—no need to check opening hours or schedule appointments.

Who is behind Independent Space Index?

Independent Space Index Network is organized by volunteers, and driven by collaborative effort. Every year a small team takes on the task of organizing the festival, while the format is collectively developed and evolving with each iteration.

Independent Space Index 2025 is the **city's largest collaborative event of its kind** since its launch in 2018.

To learn more, explore our documentation from past editions (2024, 2023, 2022, 2021) and browse our **Archive** for reviews, interviews, images, and videos.

For each festival, a **printed folder** and an **interactive city map** featuring all participating spaces are provided. The **interactive map** is available online at **<https://2025.index.wien>**. The folder will be available in all participating spaces as well as at selected art venues across Vienna.