

The Kulturvermittlung Steiermark presents a cross-section of the current photography scene in Graz and Styria with the „Styrian Photography Biennale“. photo graz is a forum that is committed to artistic photography, separate from leisure or travel photography. Photographers born or working in Styria are invited to submit a photo work from the period 2024–26, with no theme requirements. A handbook will be published for the exhibition. Photos, biographies and texts of the accepted works will be published online.

**WHO**

Photographic artists born in Styria and Styrian artists abroad. Artist collective and inter/national artists who lived or worked in Styria between 2024 and 2026.

WHAT

Single image or series (max. 6 images), as well as interdisciplinary photographic works in the broader sense with a maximum wall area of 1 m², space-consuming objects/installations may be larger (only after consultation). There is no thematic requirement. Works from the period 2024–2026 are accepted that go beyond mere representation or aesthetics to explore content levels. Only one work per person or artist collective, i.e. single image or series, may be submitted.

WHAT ELSE

→ **short text + biography**

Submission of a short text and biography is mandatory for participation. A descriptive short text in German should make the intention of the work understandable. No poetic approaches, Wikipedia excerpts, literary quotes, or the like. A website reference is not sufficient.

WHAT NOT

Leisure/travel/nude photography, snapshots, commercial or aesthetically focused shots. Submissions that exceed the maximum number of pieces or hanging space or that do not include a text + biography

PUBLICATION

All accepted submissions will be published in the handbook and online alongside the 150 exhibition entries. All artists represented in the manual receive a free copy.

IMPORTANT NOTES – the fine print

Participation is free. The organizer reserves the right to disregard submissions that are incomplete or do not meet the participation conditions. No costs are covered for production, shipping, or return of the work. No liability is assumed for the works during storage, transportation, exhibition, or setup and dismantling. By submitting the online data sheet or submitting the printed data sheet, the participant agrees to the conditions and permits the free publication of the submitted work for documentation and press purposes as well as for the handbook and the internet presentation.

Step 1 – DIGITAL SUBMISSION (handbook)

→ **until April 30**

Please use the online form:

<http://photo-graz.kulturvermittlung.org>

The submission must be complete and include the following:

- a fully completed online form

- attachment 1: **digital image or scan of the photography**

approx. 1500x1000 Pixel

(jpg, max. 1 MB)

- attachment 2: **short text, 100 words max.**

(plain text)

- attachment 3: **short biography, 150 words max.**

(plain text)

Please note the technical requirements! The submission can be made online or on a data carrier by mail or in person

Step 2 – SELECTION (exhibition)

→ **until Juli 1**

For the exhibition, 150 entries will be selected from all accepted submissions by an international jury, and written notification will be sent by July 1, 2026.

Step 3 – WORK DELIVERY

→ **until October 30, 12:00 p.m.**

Only after a confirmation and appointment have been made, and without exception, no later than the aforementioned date!

Ready-to-hang photo work, with hanging device if needed, with name/title/date on the back. The frame or picture holder must meet common quality standards. The submission can be made in person or by mail.

Schedule / Deadlines

We recommend submitting as early as possible, as there may be transmission problems due to overload at the end of the submission deadline.

Submission deadline – digital submission/online April 30, 2026

Confirmation of participation

until Juli 1, 2026

Submission deadline – work delivery

Oktober 30, 2026, 12:00 h

NOTE – Free frame rental

KultRent: 0316 872-4935 | kultrent@kulturvermittlung.org

<https://kulturvermittlung.org/kultrent>

Please contact us if you have any questions about participating. We're happy to provide information!

Work delivery

Kulturvermittlung Steiermark | Wielandgasse 9, 1st floor, 8010 Graz, Austria
By appointment only | Monday – Thursday: 9 – 15h, Friday: 9 – 13h

Exhibition

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Collection of the work

Altes Kino Leibnitz | Bahnhofstraße 16, 8430 Leibnitz, Austria
opening: November 28, 2026 | exhibition until January 23, 2027
Times to be announced

Organisation + Information

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