

Press release
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CALL FOR NEW DIRECTOR OF KUNSTHALLE BERN

The Board of Kunsthalle Bern is seeking to appoint a new director as of 1 February 2024. To this end, the Board has appointed a six-member search committee, which will commence its work immediately. It is made up of three members of the Board of Kunsthalle Bern and three external experts: Franciska Zólyom, director of the Galerie für zeitgenössische Kunst in Leipzig, Hicham Khalidi, director of the Jan van Eyck Academie in Maastricht and curator of the Dutch Pavilion at the Venice Biennale 2024, and Andrea Thal, artistic director of Contemporary Image Collective – CIC in Cairo and convenor of the Sommerakademie Paul Klee 2023–24 in Bern.

The call for applications is accessible [online](#) until mid-August.

In May 2023, Kunsthalle Bern [announced](#) that its current Director, Kabelo Malatsie, has decided not to continue her engagement after almost two years as of 31 December 2023.

Kabelo Malatsie took up her post as Director in April 2022. She was elected by the Board in 2021 to succeed the outgoing Director Valérie Knoll. Malatsie's "bold, poetic and complex concept and idea of the institution as an experimental landscape" (cf. press release of 25. June 2021) persuaded both the international selection committee and the Board. She has delivered on that promise and continues open the exhibition programme to further formats, initiating diverse collaborations and establishing a new temporality.

The Board of Kunsthalle Bern wishes to thank Kabelo Malatsie for her extraordinary commitment as Director. Her deeply considered curatorial approach and perspective on the institution have been generative for Kunsthalle Bern. The Board of Kunsthalle Bern is looking forward to Kabelo Malatsie's remaining time and her artistic programme.

The Board of Kunsthalle Bern

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