



Press Release
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"Closer to Me"

12 Photographers. One Curator. A Shared Vision.

Exhibition | DGPh ART DROP #002 - Steffi Jaeger

July 7 to 12, 2025, 26 Rue du Docteur Fanton, Arles

Opening event: July 9, 5 pm

Berlin/Arles, July 2025 - Intimate, poetic, political: With the exhibition Closer to Me, the Deutsche Gesellschaft für Photographie (DGPh) presents twelve artistic positions by twelve female artists from July 7 to 12, 2025 during the opening week of the Rencontres de la Photographie in Arles. The exhibition accompanies the second edition of the DGPh ART DROP, which can be experienced physically for the first time.

The exhibition brings together works by twelve renowned female photographers, each of whom thematize closeness in their own way - to themselves, to others and to the world. Their images tell of identity, vulnerability and resistance. They invite you to pause for a moment - quietly, forcefully and full of power. On display are works by:

Jessica Backhaus - Evelyn Bencicova - Viktoria Binschok - Mona Kuhn - Anna Lehmann-Brauns - Vera Mercer - Anja Niemi - Anne Schönharting - Pola Sieverding - Vee Speers - Miriam Tölke - Donata Wenders.

The opening event will take place on July 9 from 5-7 pm - with the artists and the curator present.

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Curator's Statement – Steffi Jaeger:

"Closer To Me - Twelve positions, twelve perspectives: this selection brings together twelve female artists, each represented by a single photographic work, entering into a quiet yet powerful dialogue. Their images oscillate between personal reflection, social observation, and experimental aesthetics. Whether documentary, staged, or conceptual – each photograph reflects a distinct artistic voice and demonstrates the richness and strength of female perspectives in contemporary photography.

This collection is not a closed narrative, but an open invitation – a glimpse into what artistic photography can be today: direct, poetic, unsettling, subtle, loud – and always relevant."

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The exhibited motifs can be ordered from July 9 to July 18, 2025, via artdrop.dgph.de. DGPh ART DROP #002 was curated by the Berlin art historian, curator and founder of the JAEGER ART gallery, Steffi Jaeger.

Collector's Edition

Each work will be available as a signed and certified edition (20×25 cm, Archival Pigment Print, produced by Oschatz Visuelle Medien) for €280* per print. A complete box set of all twelve works will be available **exclusively during the drop** for €2,290*. After the event, these editions will no longer be available in this format. (*including VAT, plus packaging and shipping)

Supporting the Culture of Photography

A portion of the proceeds will support the nonprofit work of the DGPh – helping to empower not only the participating artists, but also the future of the photographic medium itself.

[Please download press images here.](#)

Please do not hesitate to contact us if you have any questions.

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