

Dear guests, artists and supporters, This year we are celebrating the 9th anniversary of Kiezsalon!

I would like to use this occasion to express my gratitude to you, our loyal audience. You have made Kiezsalon what it is today – a place where the avant-garde meets with advanced pop music and interdisciplinary arts. You are the soul of Kiezsalon, your trust and support have motivated us to continue offering a diverse and exciting programme.

Kiezsalon has become a vibrant centre for new musical discoveries beyond boundaries of genre. Over the course of 9 years, it has been established as one of the most popular and successful series in Berlin, with artists from 43 countries, most of the shows selling out, and featuring more than two-thirds Berlin premieres. It has been a time full of groundbreaking music, inspiring performances and unforgettable moments that we have experienced together.

Moving forward, we will continue to take diversity into consideration not only when it comes to the stage – we also try to reflect the multiplicity of our society in our audience. Our concerts will continue to be 30 minutes long; before, after and in between there will be time and space for exchange and conversation. We continue our moderate ticket prices of 10 euros, because music should be accessible and affordable for everyone.

We are grateful for the continuous funding of the Senate Department for Culture and the trust placed in us to continue our work for the next 4 years. We do not take this for granted, and it is a privilege to be part of Berlin's great, multi-layered cultural landscape. We will go on to present innovative new music, push boundaries and create unforgettable experiences all over Berlin.

Let's toast to many more years of great music and fantastic company in the best city in the world.

Michael Rosen