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World Design Capital Frankfurt 2026: 25 Years of Ambiente Talents – Ten Design Positions from the Rhine-Main Region at the Museum Angewandte Kunst

Frankfurt am Main, August 2026. From 1 to 13 September 2026, the Museum Angewandte Kunst (MAK) will present the special exhibition *Ambiente: 25 Years of Talents – Local Perspectives*. As part of World Design Capital Frankfurt RheinMain 2026, ten former Ambiente Talents from the Rhine-Main region will showcase selected works. The exhibition will open on 1 September in the presence of participating designers.

With this exhibition, Ambiente celebrates the 25th anniversary of its international Talents sponsorship programme, which has supported young designers on their way into the international design industry since 2001. Since then, numerous Talents have established their own studios and collections and today shape the design landscape far beyond Germany.

The exhibition brings together ten of these designers from the Rhine-Main region: Kai Linke, Jonathan Radetz, Julia Huisken, Jonas Nitsch, Antje Dienstbir, Martin Hirth, Betty Montarou, Astrid Spork, the design studio *speziell®* and Knut Völzke with his studio LEISE. The exhibits are complemented by personal statements on the guiding theme of the World Design Capital: *Design for Democracy – Atmosphere for a Better Life*.

Through the cooperation between Ambiente, the Museum Angewandte Kunst and World Design Capital Frankfurt RheinMain 2026, Messe Frankfurt connects its international young talent programme with the regional design scene, creating a platform for exchange between designers, cultural institutions and the public.



With the NODE vase series for Rosenthal and the YU furniture system, Martin Hirth and Knut Völzke present works that exemplify their creative development. Photos: © Martin Hirth (left) and © LEISE (right).

Next trade fair dates

Ambiente, Christmasworld and Creativeworld will take place at the end of January 2027 at the Frankfurt exhibition grounds. The Compass Talks will once again kick off the events on the day before, 28 January 2027.

Ambiente/Christmasworld:	29 January to 2 February 2027
Creativeworld:	29 January to 1 February 2027

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