# TAPE THAT

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### - THIS BOOK

This book contains selected artworks created by our collective since 2011. It is intended to illustrate the variety of styles and approaches to tape art we have experimented with since the beginning of our journey.



Portrait & Contact Tape That Our Philosophy & Tape Art Vita



International Tape Art exhibition 2016/18 20 Artists 9 Countries

## **20** TAPE ART AROUND THE WORLD

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### TAPE THAT

We are a collective of six artists and formed TAPE THAT in 2011. Inspired by the idea of creating something artistic out of an everyday object, we work mostly with tapes and foils. Over the last few years, we have explored various approaches and adhesive materials, and come to cherish their limitations as well as the novel possibilities. Our artistic roots can be found in contemporary urban art, graffiti, and design. Ranging from complex and room-filling installations to minimalistic black and white murals, our works can be found everywhere from festivals, nightclubs, and abandoned buildings to art galleries and showrooms. Although based in Berlin, we regularly travel the world to raise awareness of tape art and establish it as an acknowledged form of art. We have also been organizing and curating the Tape Art Convention since 2016, to connect like minded artists and strengthen the existing tape art movement.

### **OUR PHILOSOPHY**

Our fascination for tape art lies in the combination of endless creative possibilities and the natural limitations that one has to deal with while working with tape. We are constantly challenged and inspired by the different characteristics of this medium, and the ways in which it influences our creative process. It is important for us to always incorporate the surrounding environment when creating each piece, thus ensuring an unique expression that fits within its context. Some of our artworks are simplistic and minimal, while others consist of intricate and complex structures. Working as a collective, each of us contributes their own unique styles and ideas, that complement and inspire the group's work as a whole. Each project has a strong focus on cooperation – not only within the collective but also with the organizations we work with, other artists, art enthusiasts, and art novices. Through our work, we have had the opportunity to spread tape art as an art form and to introduce it to people around the globe who were unaware of its existence. This is probably the most rewarding aspect of our work, and we are more than excited to be a part of a movement that is just beginning.

## **TAPE ART**

As the name suggests, Tape Art is art made out of adhesive tape. While this art form has grown rapidly over the last 10 years, its beginnings are not easy to pin down in time: Even though adhesive tapes have long been used in the arts, they were usually not the predominant means of expression, but rather a technical aid. The emancipation to a self-sufficient medium is most likely to be found in and also intertwined with the beginning of the urban art movement. Its removable and temporary nature makes it a thankful medium to use on any surface it sticks to, thus making it easy to integrate in urban environments. As there exists a large variety of different adhesive tapes, the approaches to creating art with them are very diverse. The most commonly used materials are cloth or duct tapes, paper tapes, packaging tapes or plastic tapes and foils. Depending on the specific features of the individual materials, certain styles developed over time that cover a large spectrum from abstract to realistic art.

## VITA

2012 Sprite Graffiti Festival German Embassy, Sofia, Bulgaria | Group 2012 Reeperbahnfestival Pt.I Reeperbahn, Hamburg, Germany | Group 2013 **PICelectroNIC** Carré Rotondes, Luxembourg City, Luxemburg | Group 2014 Blaue Nacht Deutsche Bahn Museum, Nuremberg, Germany | Group 2014 Kontakt Arena Berlin, Germany | Group 2014 Straight Lines Black Market Collective, Berlin, Germany | Solo 2014 TAATW Cambodia: Taped Meta House, Phnom Penh, Cambodia | Solo 2015 Black Matter Tremuschi Ink Tattoo Studio, Berlin, Germany | Solo 2015 Berlin Wall Patrick Heide Contemporary Art Gallery, London, UK | Group 2015 **Tape It** Heyne Kunstfabrik, Offenbach, Germany | Group 2015 Wolf Frisst Hase Wolf Kino Berlin, Germany | Group 2015 TAATW Egypt Pt.I Minya University, El Minya, Egypt | Group 2015 TAATW Egypt Pt.II Goethe Institut, Cairo, Egypt | Group 2016 Tape Art Convention 2016 Neurotitan Gallery, Berlin, Germany | Group 2016 TAATW Vietnam Pt.I Creative City, Hanoi, Vietnam | Solo 2016 TAATW Vietnam Pt.II Station 3a, Ho Chi Minh City, Vietnam | Group 2016 TAATW China Redtory Art Center, Guangzhou, China | Group 2016 Empty Spaces Kaiser Passagen, Bonn, Germany | Group 2017 Misk Art Festival Riyadh, Saudi Arabia | Group

2017 Ceasar – Artenvielfalt Max-Planck Institut, Bonn, Germany | Group 2017 The Haus – Berlin Art Bang The Haus, Berlin, Germany | Group 2017 TAATW Russia NCCA, Russia | Group 2017 TAATW Namibia KCAC, Windhoek, Namibia | Group 2017 Kontraste Prachtwerk, Berlin, Germany | Solo 2017 **Tape Tarnung** Wilmersdorfer AR(t)caden, Berlin, Germany | Solo 2017 TAATW Israel Liebling House, Tel Aviv, Israel | Solo 2017 **TAATW Palistine** Palestinian Museum, Birzeit, Palestine | Solo 2018 Facades Shaikh Abdullah Al Salem Cultural Centre, Kuwait City, Kuwait | Solo 2018 **TAATW Bolivia** Goethe Zentrum, Santa Cruz, Bolivien | Solo 2018 Garage Illusion Metropolink Festival, Heidelberg, Germany | Group 2018 Re:imagine Street Art Berlin, Germany | Group 2018 Ibug Festival Leipzig, Germany | Group 2018 Culture Night Belfast Belfast, Northern Ireland | Group 2018 Reeperbahnfestival Pt.II Am alten Flakbunker, Hamburg, Germany | Group 2018 TAATW Guatemala Colegio Alemán, Guatemala City, Guatemala | Solo 2018 Perspective Wall London Graphic Center, London, United Kingdom | Solo 2018 Festival of Lights TV-Tower, Berlin, Germany | Group

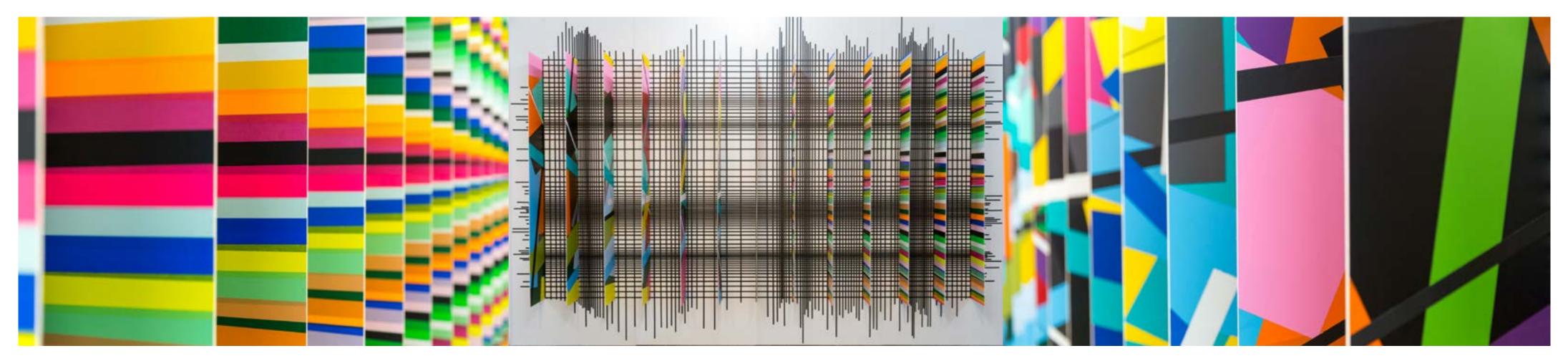
# **TAPE ART CONVENTION**

INTERNATIONAL TAPE ART EXHIBITION 20 ARTISTS 9 COUNTRIES



The Tape Art Convention is a recurring group exhibition featuring international artists that predominantly work with tape as a creative medium. Bringing together artists from different backgrounds and cultures, the exhibition features a wide array of different approaches to tape art and showcases the most significant artists of the steadily growing scene. Besides connecting the artists with each other and with art enthusiasts from all over the world, the Tape Art Convention was initiated to further establish tape art as an art form and present it to a broad audience. Starting out with 9 international artists and collectives in 2016, the Tape Art Convention grew to the largest international tape art exhibition with 20 artists and collectives in 2018. In cooperation with Klebeland GmbH, it has grown to a platform and network for tape artists around the world. An important part of the Tape Art Convention are events that focus explicitly on the interaction with visitors, such as creative clashes, workshops and live Tape Art.

www.tapeartconvention.com



### GEFÜHL

by Stephan Meissner Tape Art installation on wall and hard foam board Size: 325x200cm



### ТОКҮО

by Stephan Meissner Tape on wooden panel Size: 138x102cm



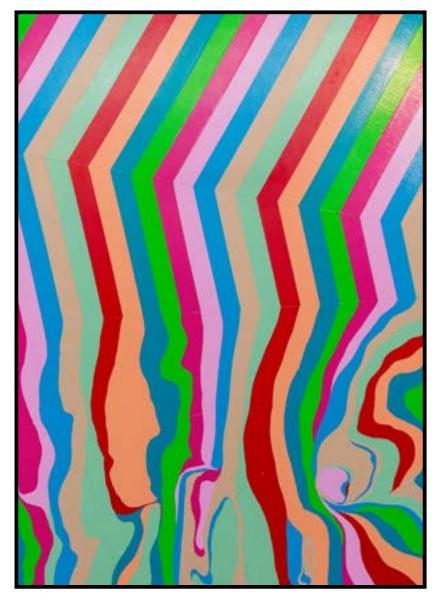
### KURASHIKI

by Stephan Meissner Tape on wooden panel Size: 59x84cm



### JAPMAN

by Stefan Busch Tape on hard foam board Size: 100x140cm





### KLIRR

by Stefan Busch Tape on hard foam board Size: 100x140cm

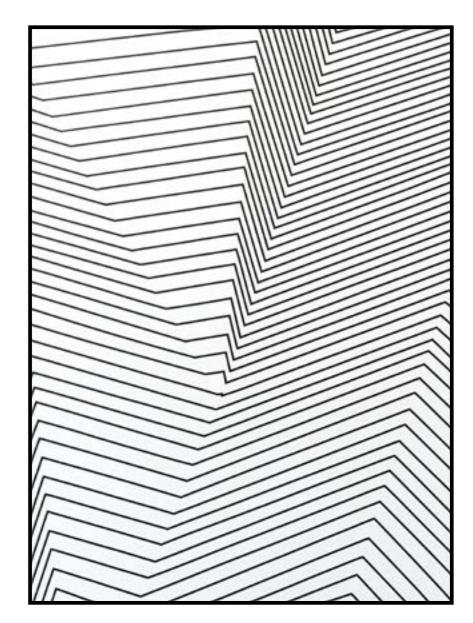
## GRAVITY

by Stefan Busch Tape on hard foam board Size: 100x140cm



### POSEIDON

by Adrian Dittert Tape on wooden panel Size: 60x84 cm

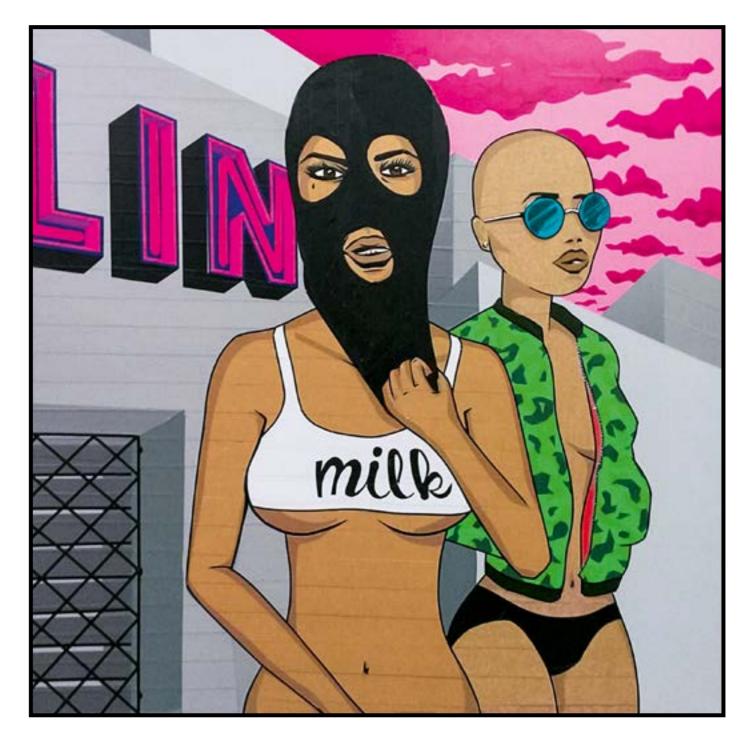


### GEOMETRICA by Thomas Meissner Tape on wooden panel Size: 100x140cm



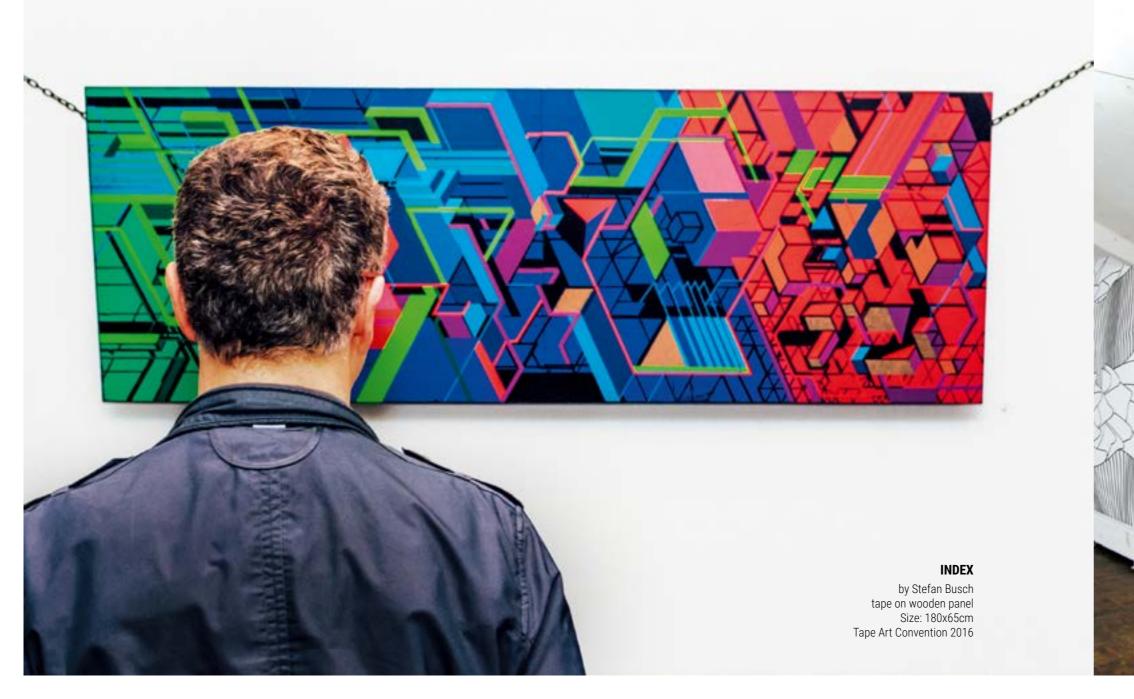
### SAFT

by Nicolas Lawin Tape on hard foam board Size: 120x120cm



MILCH

by Nicolas Lawin Tape on wooden panel Size: 120x120cm Tape Art Convention 2016





### TAPE REGEN

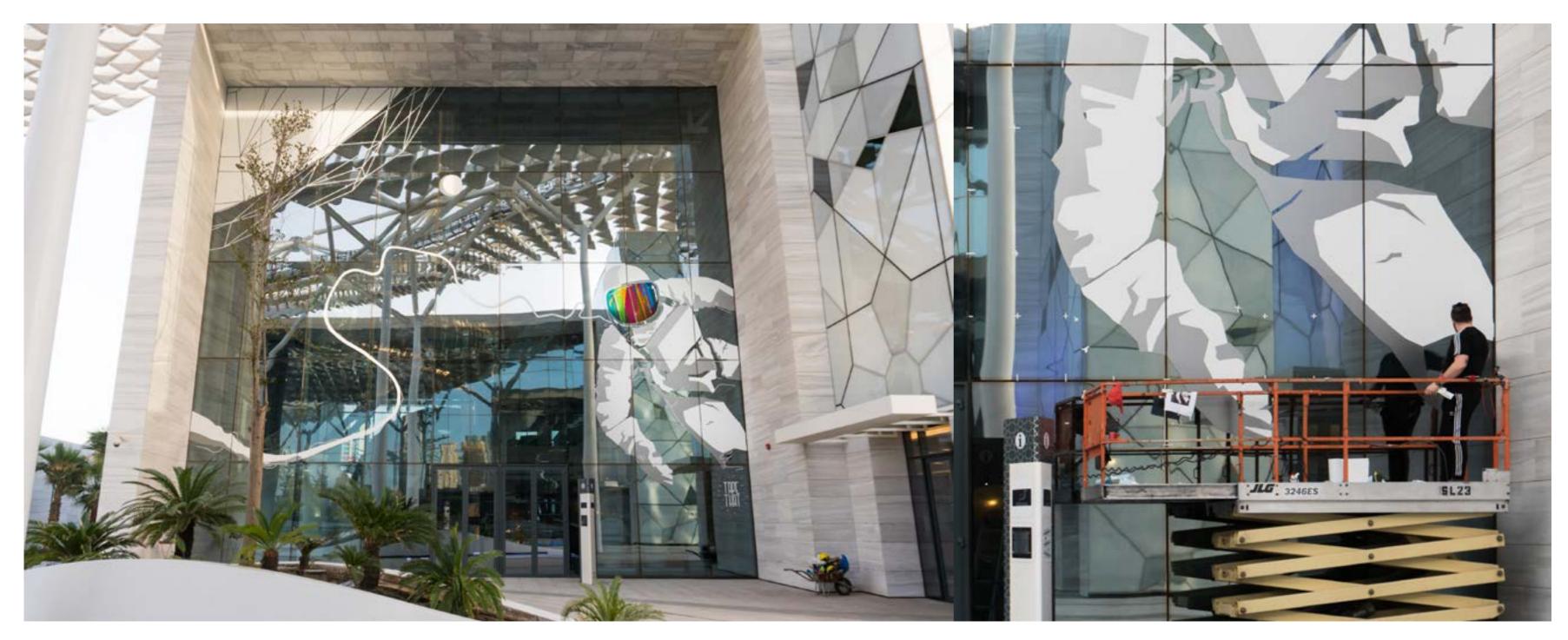
by Stephan Meissner Tape on wall and Alu Dibond Size: ca. 400x350cm Tape Art Convention 2016

# TAPE ART AROUND THE WORLD

SPREADING THE WORD: CREATING ART OUT OF AN EVERYDAY OBJECT



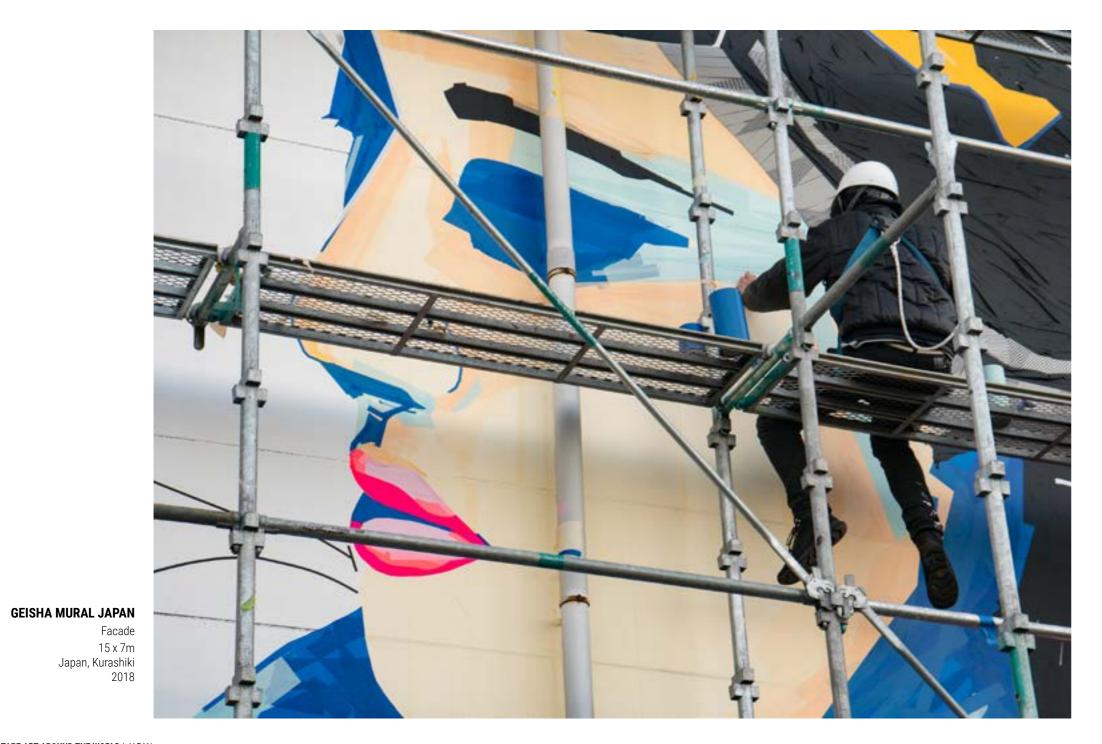
We consider ourselves to be tape art ambassadors: Tapes can be found in almost every household around the world - and that is all one needs to get creative and start making tape art! No expensive paints or canvases are necessary and one can start instantly. We are fascinated by this open source approach to create art and therefore started "Tape Art around the World", a project in which we travel around the globe to plant a creative seed and to spread tape art to different places and cultures. Often in cooperation with the German Federal Foreign Office or the Goethe-Institute, we have conducted workshops and taped murals in various countries such as Bangladesh, Belarus, Bulgaria, Bolivia, Cambodia, China, Cuba, Egypt, England, Estonia, Finland, India, Israel, Kosovo, Montenegro, Namibia, Palestine, Peru, Portugal, Qatar, Russia, Saudi Arabia, Sweden, the United States and Vietnam.



## KUWAIT

We were honored to be one of only a few selected European artists who were invited to the opening of Shaikh Abdullah Al Salem Cultural Centre in Kuwait City. The centre consists of six different museum buildings, where we taped two murals on the inside facing facades of the museum for space and science as well as the museum of transportation and robotics history. In addition we held an open workshop in the centre of fine arts, in which participants were invited to help us create another mural.





TAPE ART AROUND THE WORLD | JAPAN



## JAPAN

For their 10th anniversary, the japanese tape manufacturer mt masking tapes invited us to create two large artworks for their open factory tour. The first artwork is a 15x7m mural of a geisha taping her own kimono. In Japan's traditional culture geishas are a symbol for muse and creativity. The second artwork is an anamorphic room installation. The room was open for people to go inside, become part of the artwork, play around, pose and take photos.



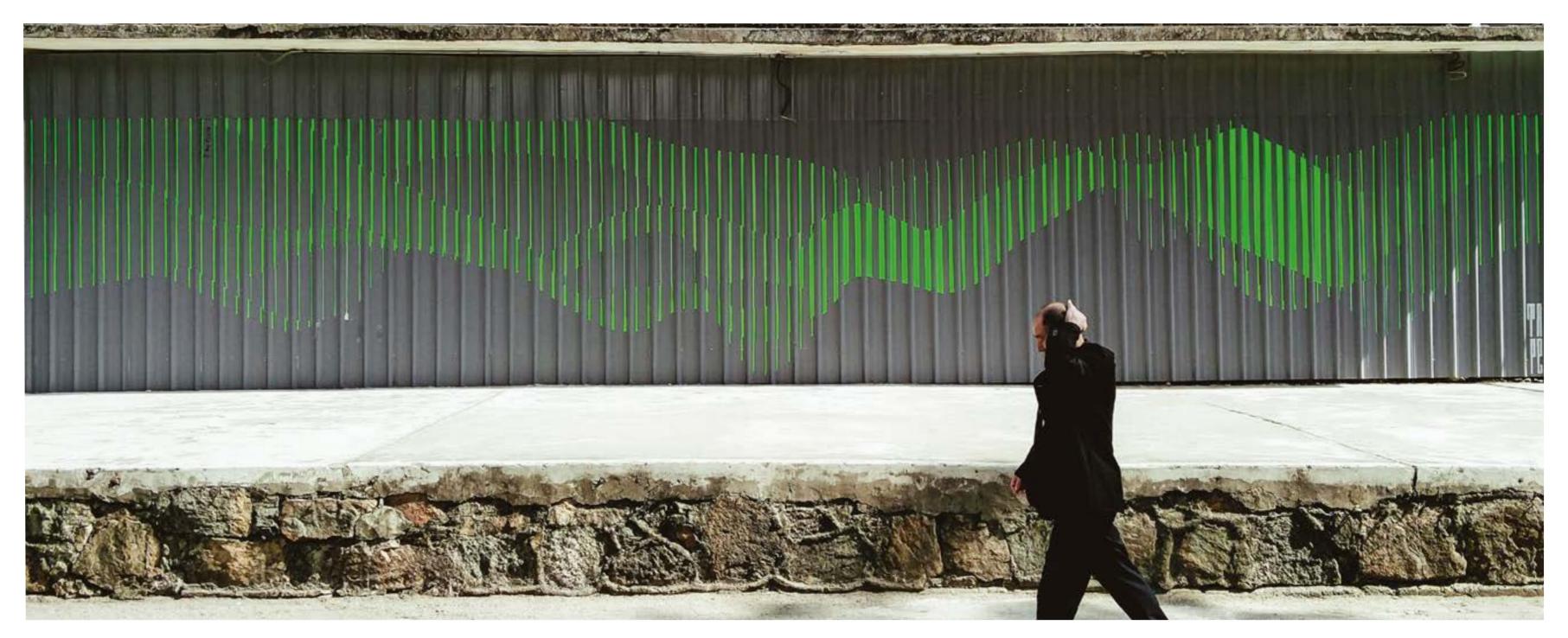




## **ASIA TOUR**

We toured through southeast asia in 2016, with stops in Guangzhou (China), Hanoi and Ho Chi Minh City (Vietnam). The purpose of the tour was a cultural exchange programm, organised by the German embassies in China and Vietnam in cooperation with local art centers such as Redtory Art District and Creative City Hanoi. Besides conducting several workshops, we created murals in public spaces and exhibited the works of our participants together with our artworks. Some of our participants were even able to sell their works which was a particularly happy moment for us. After our workshop in Hanoi, some students were commissioned to create tape art at an art festival and in exchange inspired us with completely new approaches to tape art.







**VIETNAM** Exhibition at Station 3a Vietnam, Ho Chi Minh 2016

## PALESTINE

The Palestinian Museum in Birzeit is the first of its kind built to preserve and document the troubled history of the Palestinian people. With this in mind, we were particularly honored to be invited there. We conducted a workshop and created our artwork "Wall Walk" live. Additionally, we hosted further workshops in Jerusalem and Bethlehem. Finally we went to the West Bank Barrier to leave our marks on it. It surely was one of our most controversial journeys as our memories from it are equally filled with moments of great joy as well as feelings of deep desperation and anger.



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WEST BANK BARRIER Murals Palestine, Bethlehem 2017



## SAUDI ARABIA

We were invited to the Misk Art Festival close to Riyadh to participate in a large art exhibition, hosting a multitude of European and local artists. Tape Art was, as in many countries, still completely unknown in Saudi Arabia. For this occasion we prepared a showcase of different styles from abstract artworks to a pop art portrait of the prince of Saudi Arabia. The work "Fingerprint" refers to the refugee crisis as a connecting topic between Germany and Saudi Arabia, a leading regional power in the arabic world. The fingerprint was taken from a kurdish refugee we met in Berlin and was exhibited in conjunction with a story about his life.







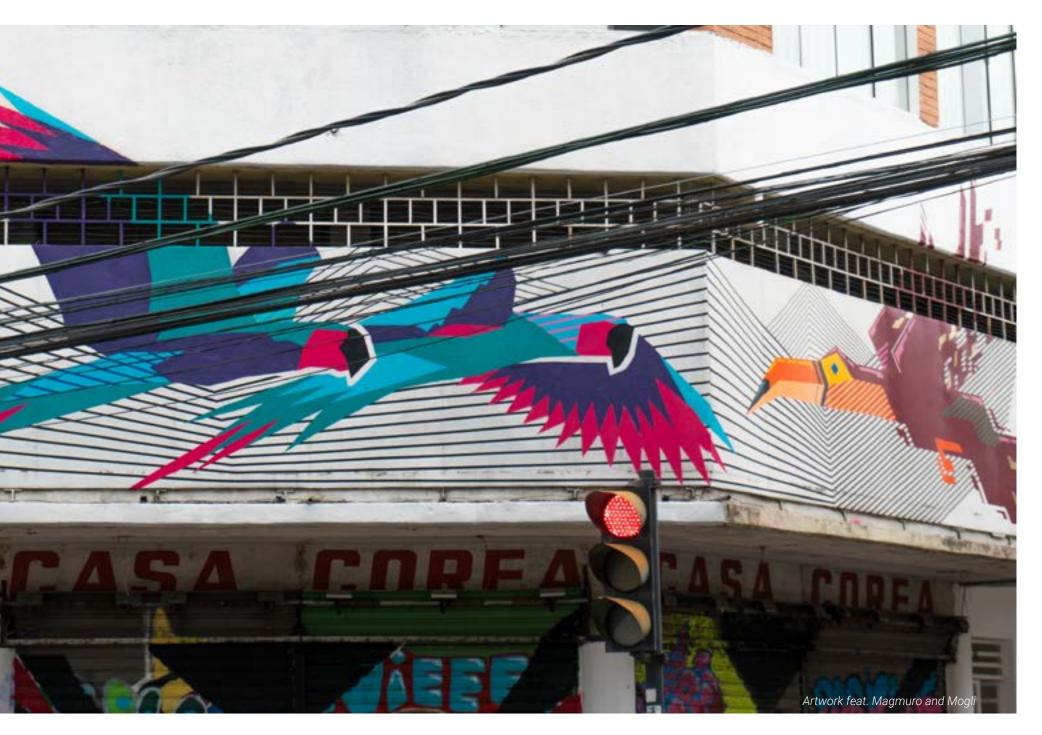


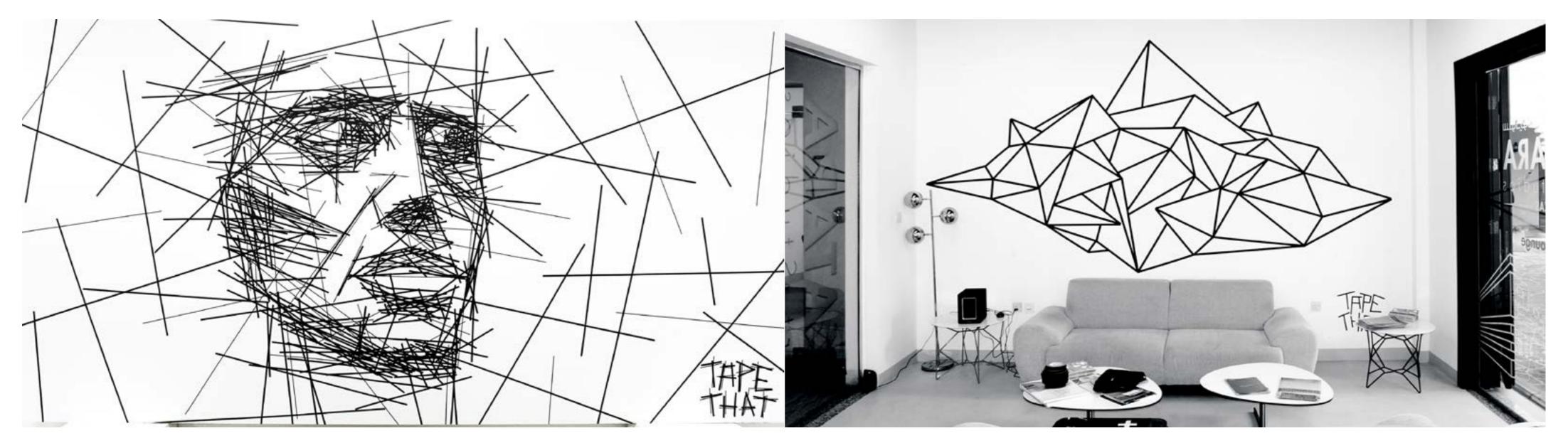




### FLOOR FOR THE GOETHE INSTITUT

Floor Installation and Mural Bolivia, Santa Cruz 2018





### EGYPT

Artwork on wooden panel Egypt, Minya 2015

### DOHA

Mural Qatar, Doha 2013

## **SELECTED PROJECTS**

EXHIBITIONS & FESTIVALS ARTWORKS & INSTALLATIONS EVENTS & FAIRS INTERIOR & OFFICE DESIGN



Our artistic endeavors range from our free artworks and installations to commissioned projects and intercultural art exchanges as well as workshops. We produce a wide spectrum of free artworks that include regular taped paintings, room installations and sculptures, murals or facades and light installations. Besides live tape art performances at events and fairs, our commissioned projects also consist of location styling and interior design for event locations, fair stands and offices. In addition, we offer tape art workshops and teambuilding activities. To spread tape art around the world, we showcase our artworks internationally and hold workshops for the public, often times in cooperation with the German foreign ministry or Goethe-Institutes.

Camouflage: becoming one with Tape Art. In the fall of 2017 we were invited by the Berlin based artist collective "Die Dixons" to do whatever we could imagine in an empty 300 square meter space, inside the Wilmersdorfer Arcaden mall in Berlin. Several different artist groups, including visual artists, a dance crew and virtual reality designers were involved in the project, transforming empty shops of the mall into an artistic playground. We decided to paint the whole place white and tape 4 large installations in different areas of the room. We added furniture, such that each area became a room of itself. The furniture was partly white and partly the same design as the area. To make the installation interactive we created clothing in the same style as the respective artwork. Thus, visitors were not only observers of the artwork but could become one with it. Some visitors even took it one step further and created their own art on top of ours and used the installation for dancing, photography and videography.

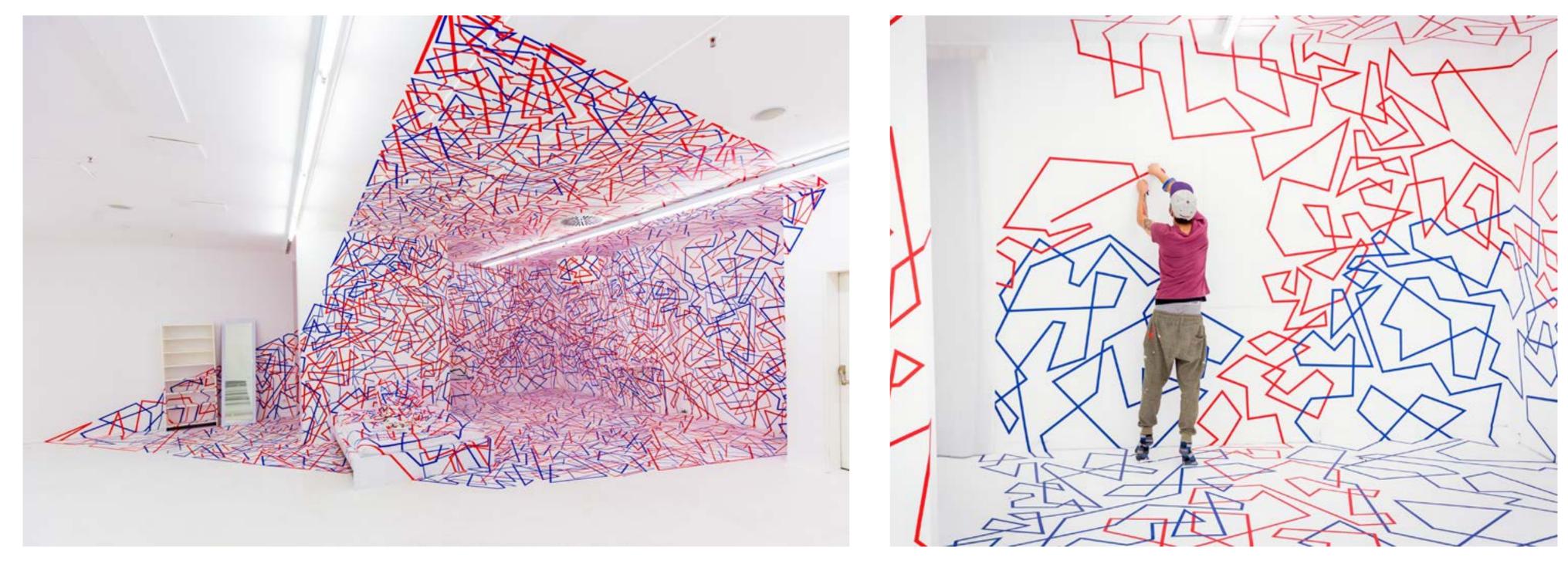








The Lines Exhibition Germany, Berlin 2017



The Chaos Exhibition Germany, Berlin 2017



The Rain Exhibition Germany, Berlin 2017





The Diagonal Exhibition Germany, Berlin 2017



ARTCADEN The Mash-Up Facade Germany, Berlin 2017



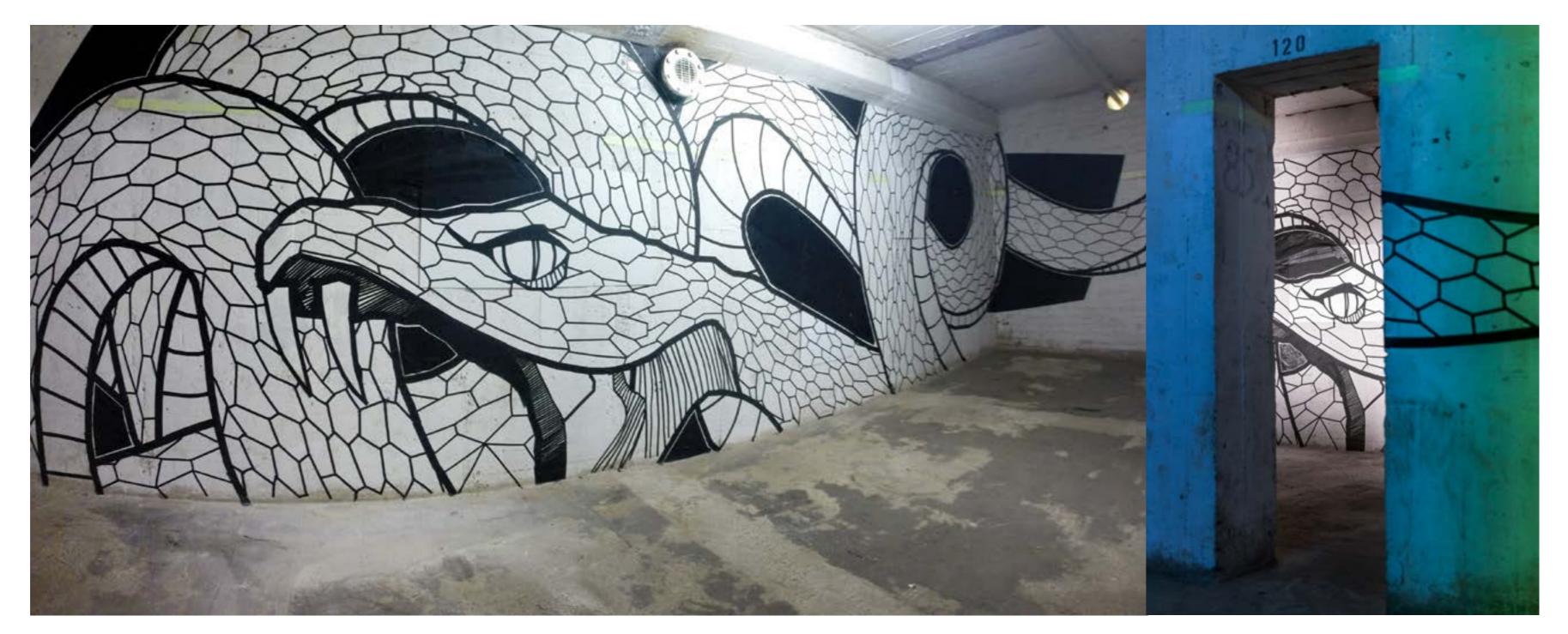
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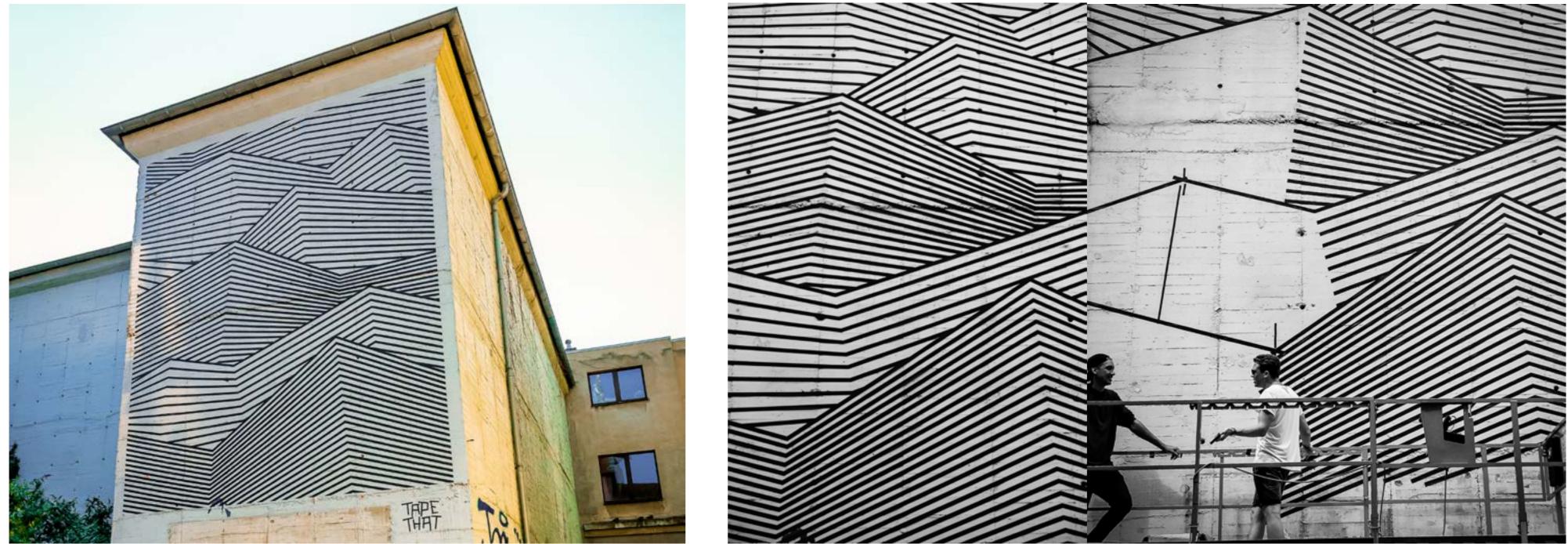
Light Portrait: Kiara Exhibition Germany, Cologne 2017

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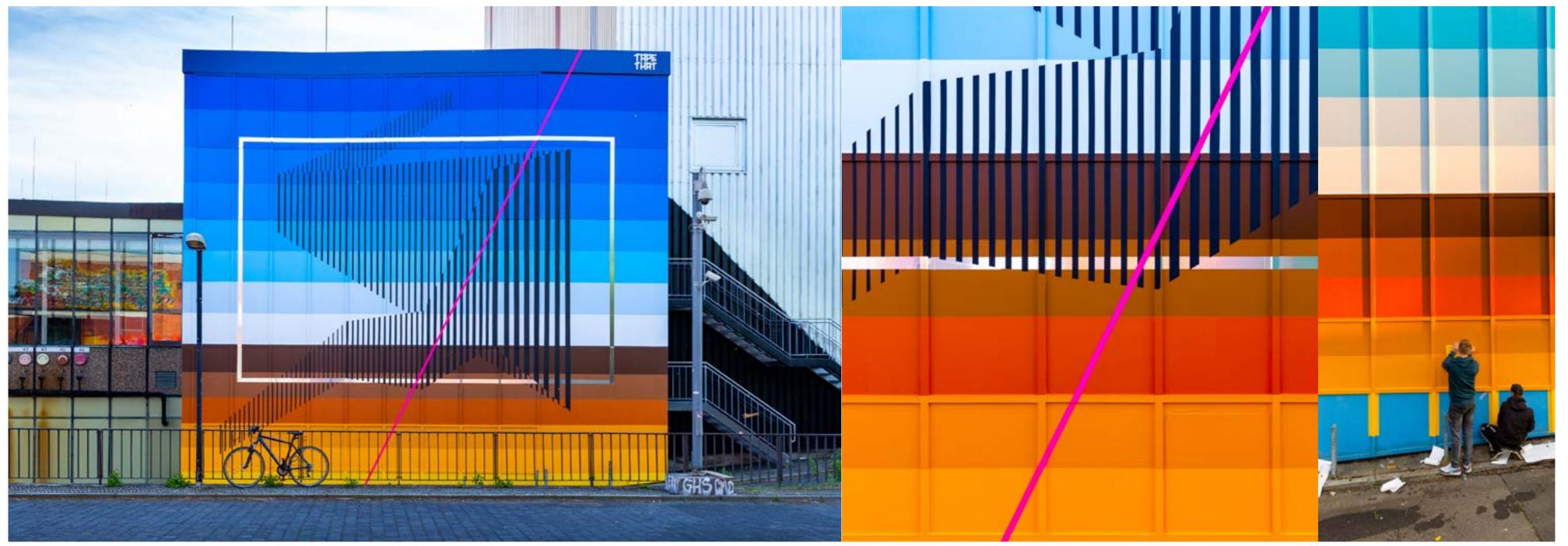
Transurban aims at strengthening and maintaining the urban art culture Germany's Rhine-Ruhr area. In 2017, we were invited to contribute to this project with our very own artworks, for which Transurban provided us with an amazing location to create and exhibit our artworks: Bunker k101 in Cologne. We taped a large mural on the facade, and several installations inside the bunker.







**TRANSURBAN** Facade Germany, Cologne 2017



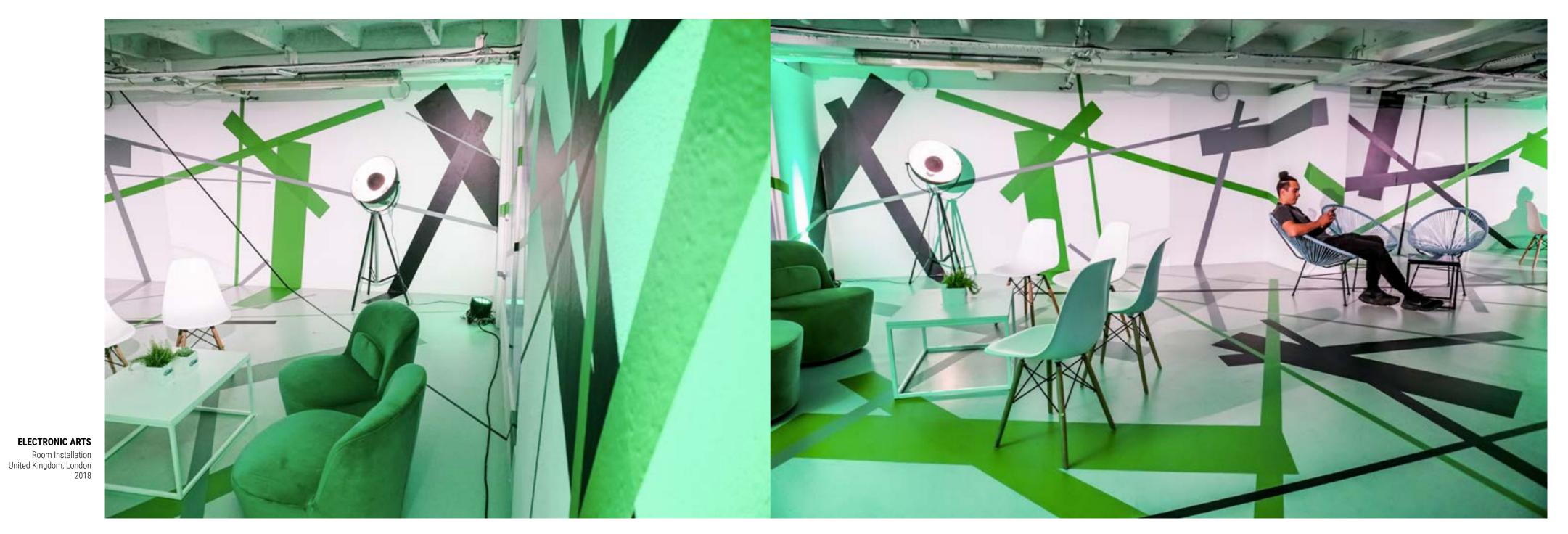
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**BERLIN MURAL FEST** Facade Germany, Berlin 2018



### CUBE CAMOUFLAGE

Mural for students residency Germany, Berlin 2017



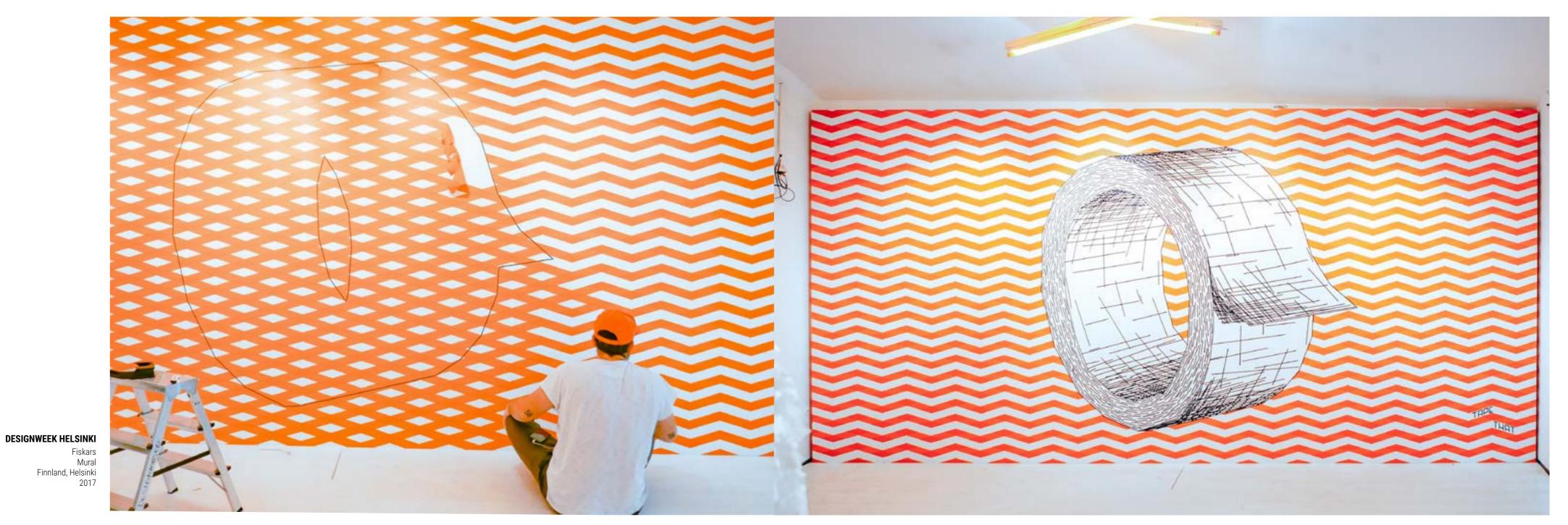


#### METROPOLINK FESTIVAL

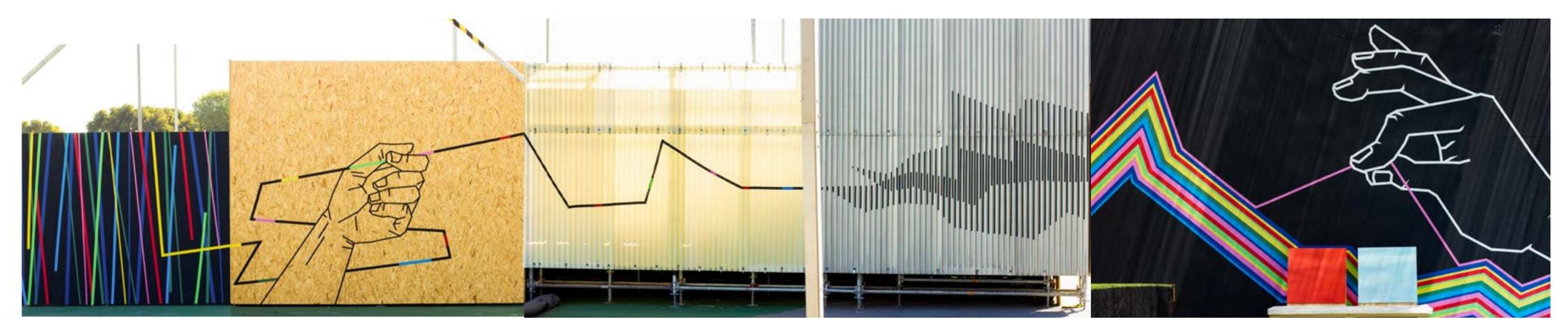
Anamorphic room installation Germany, Heidelberg 2018



SELECTED PROJECTS | EVENTS & FAIRS



Fiskars Mural





### PRIMAVERA SOUND FESTIVAL

Installation Portugal, Porto 2017



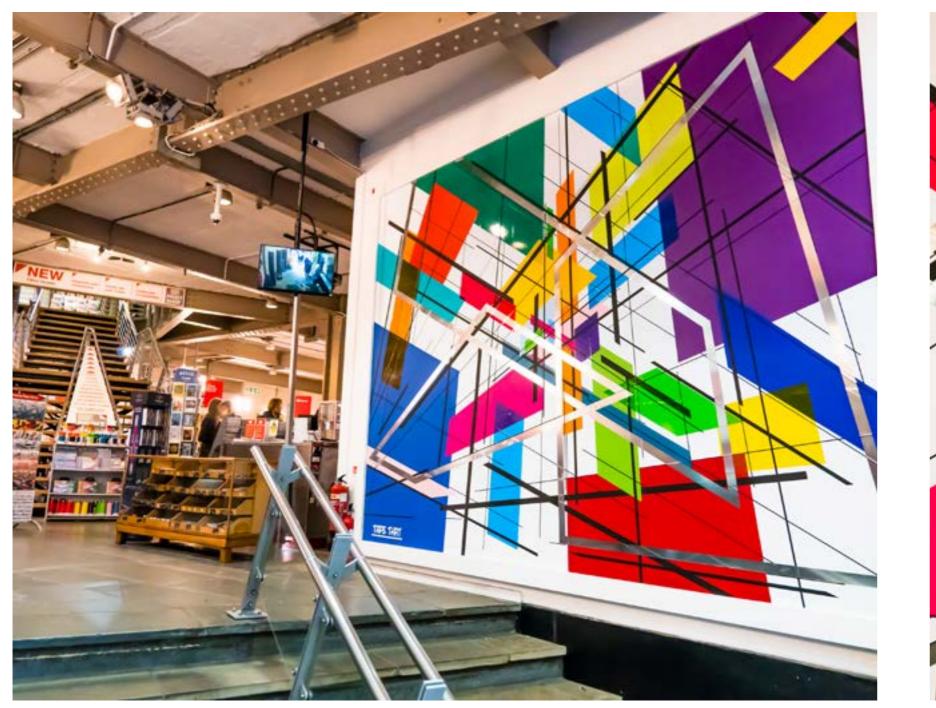
#### KMS WALL

Set design for photoshooting Germany, Berlin 2018



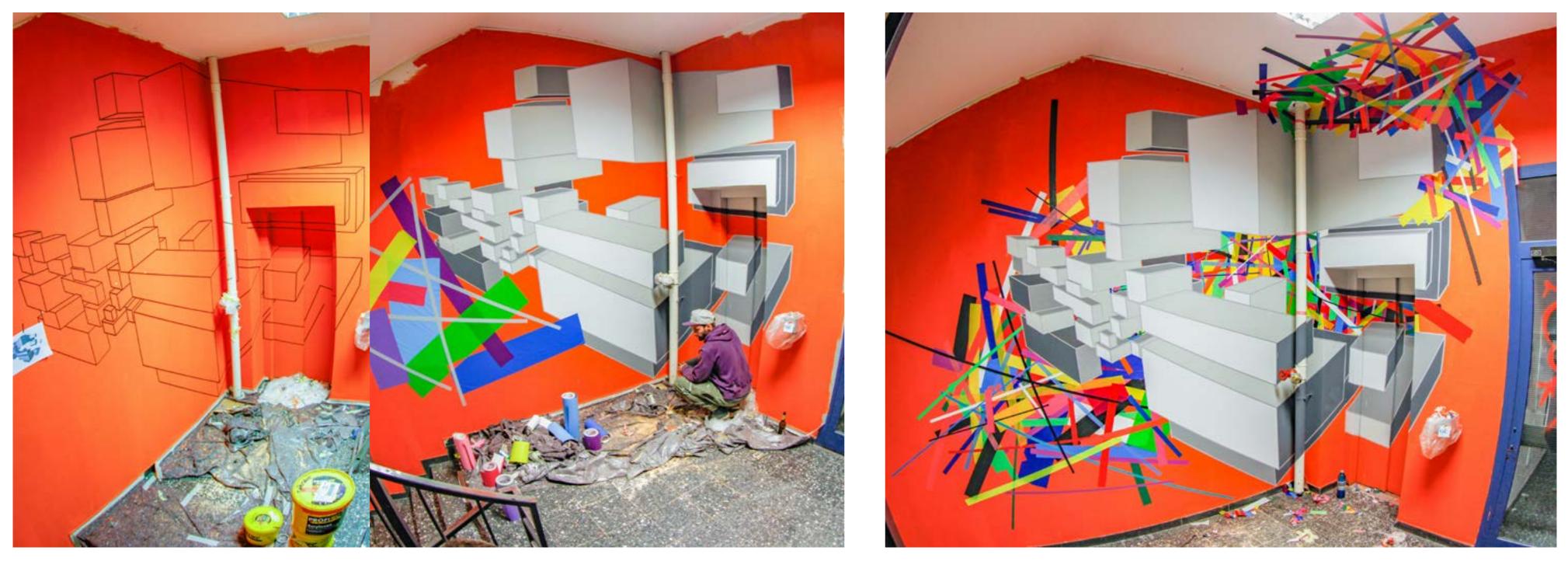
#### CULTURE NIGHT BELFAST

Facade Northern Ireland, Belfast 2018



LONDON GRAPHIC CENTER Mural United Kingdom, London 2018





**THE HAUS** Roominstallation Germany, Berlin 2016



**IBUG** Artwork Germany, Leipzig 2018

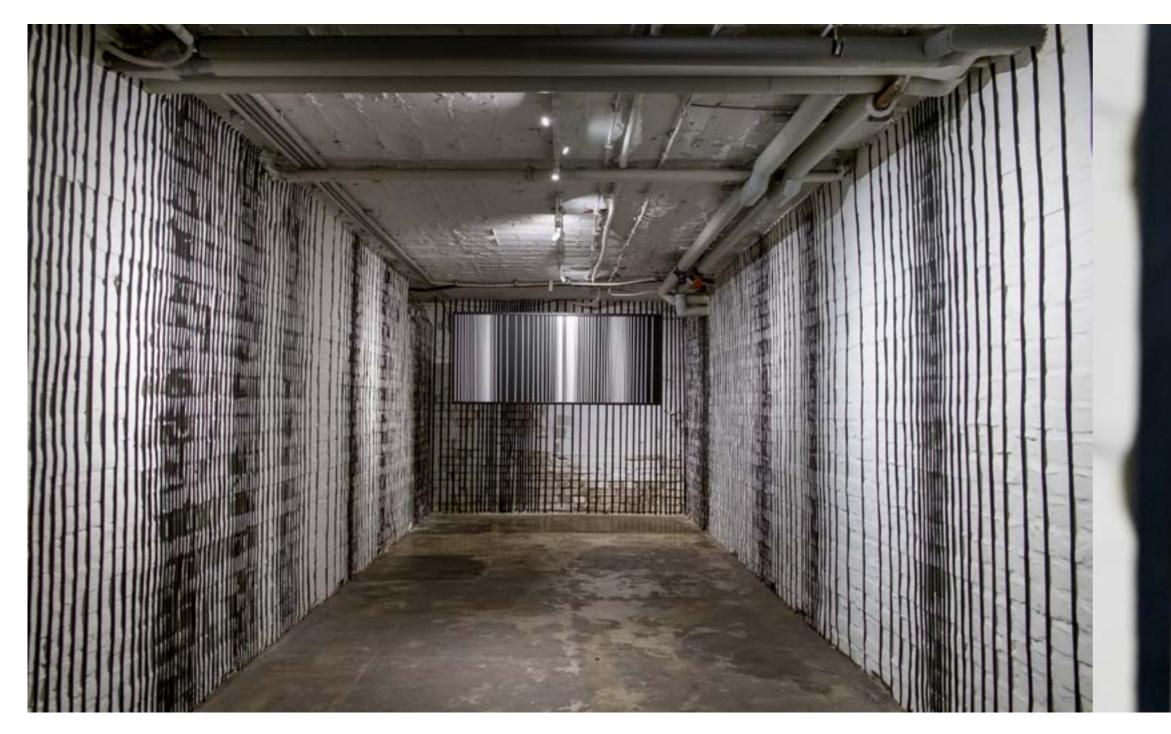


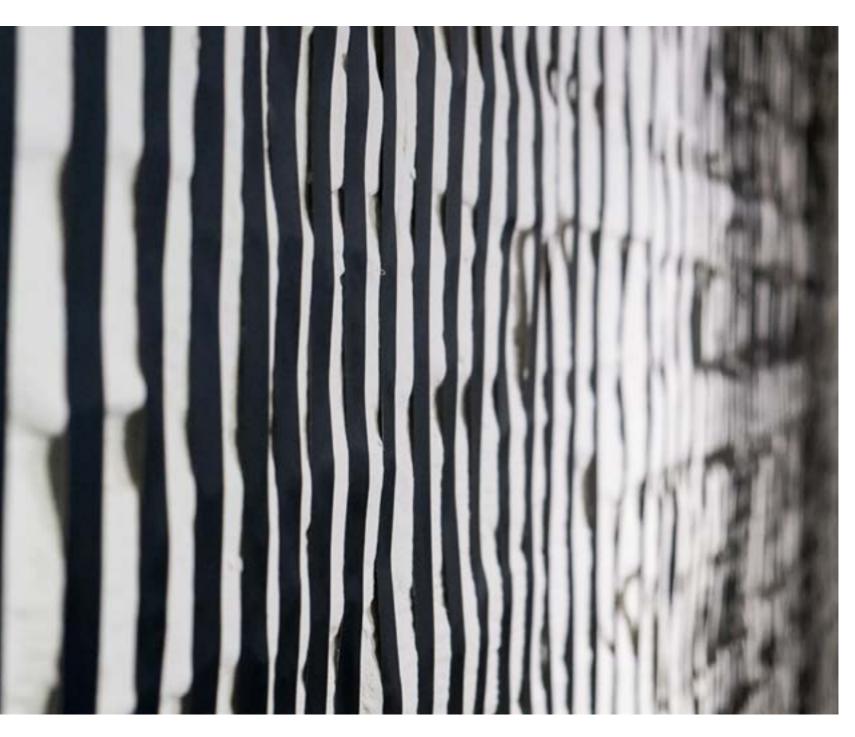




#### KONTRASTE EXHIBITION

Prachtwerk Artworks on panels Germany, Berlin 2016





#### KONTRASTE EXHIBITION

Prachtwerk Room Installation Germany, Berlin 2016

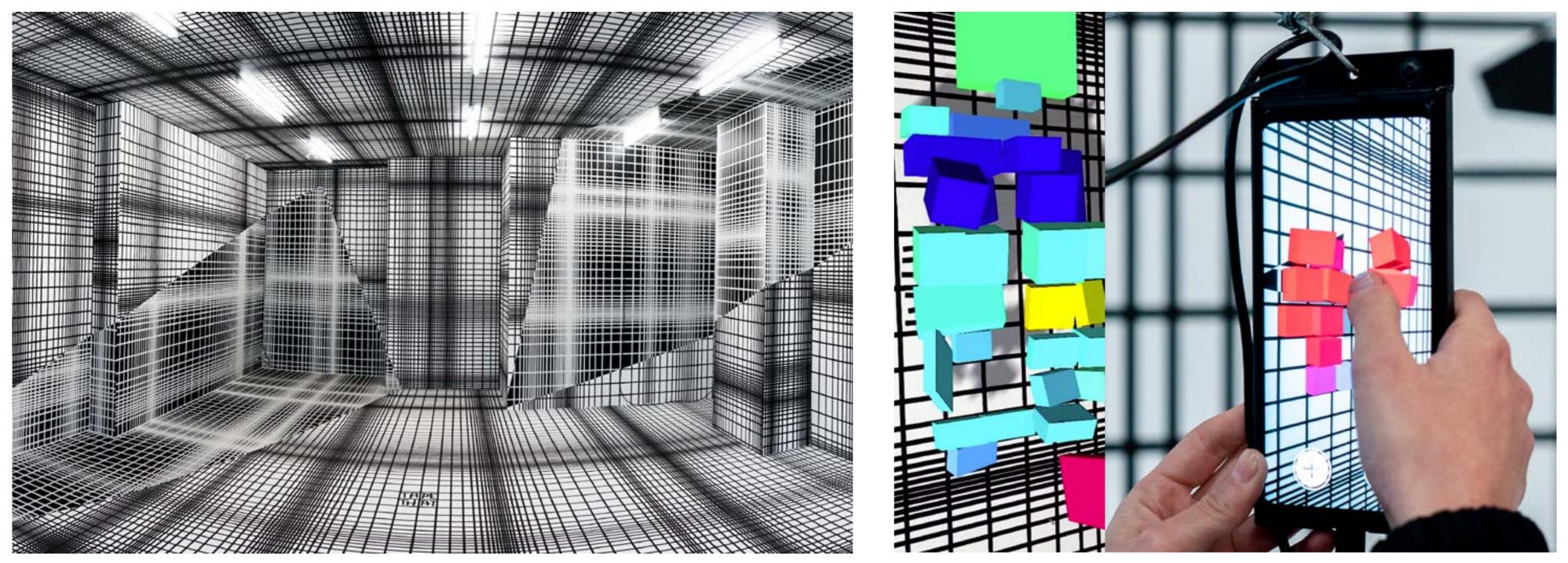


#### **REEPERBAHN FESTIVAL**

Taped shipping container Germany, Hamburg 2018



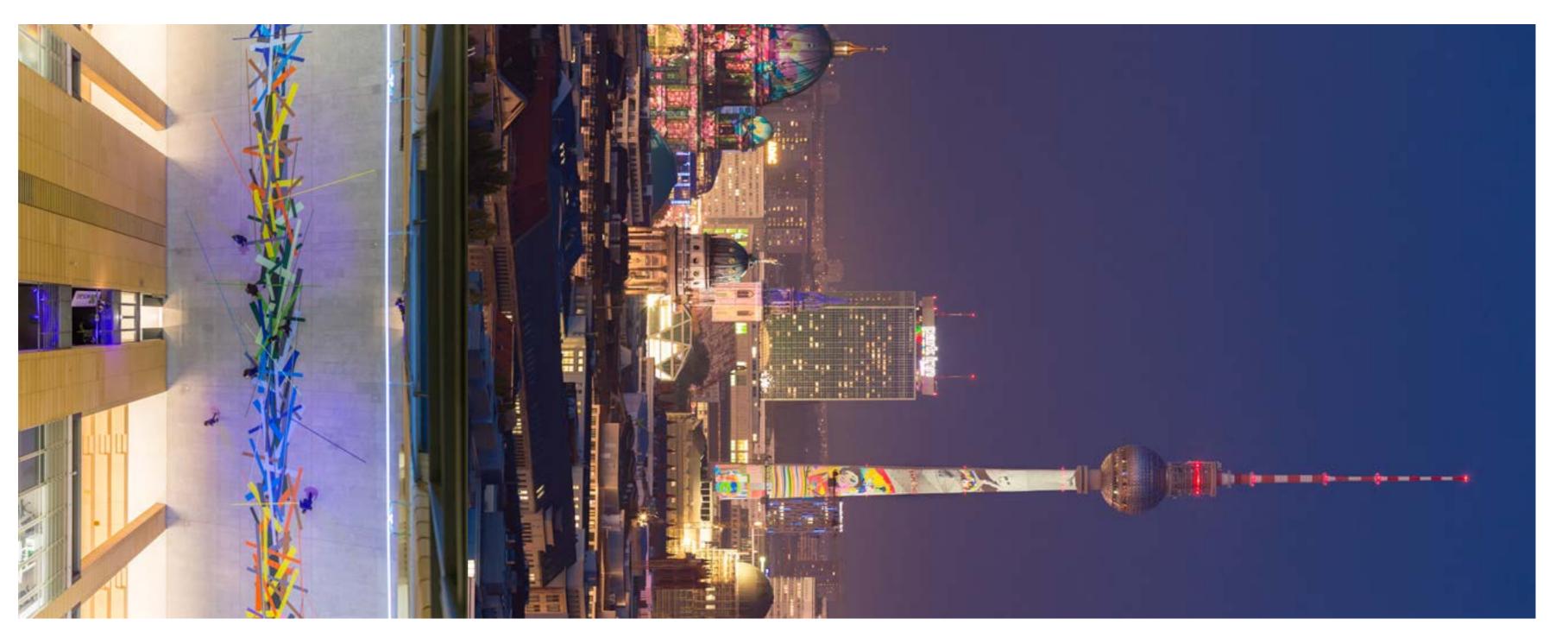
**TUNNEL OF LOVE** Neon-Roominstallation Germany, Berlin 2017





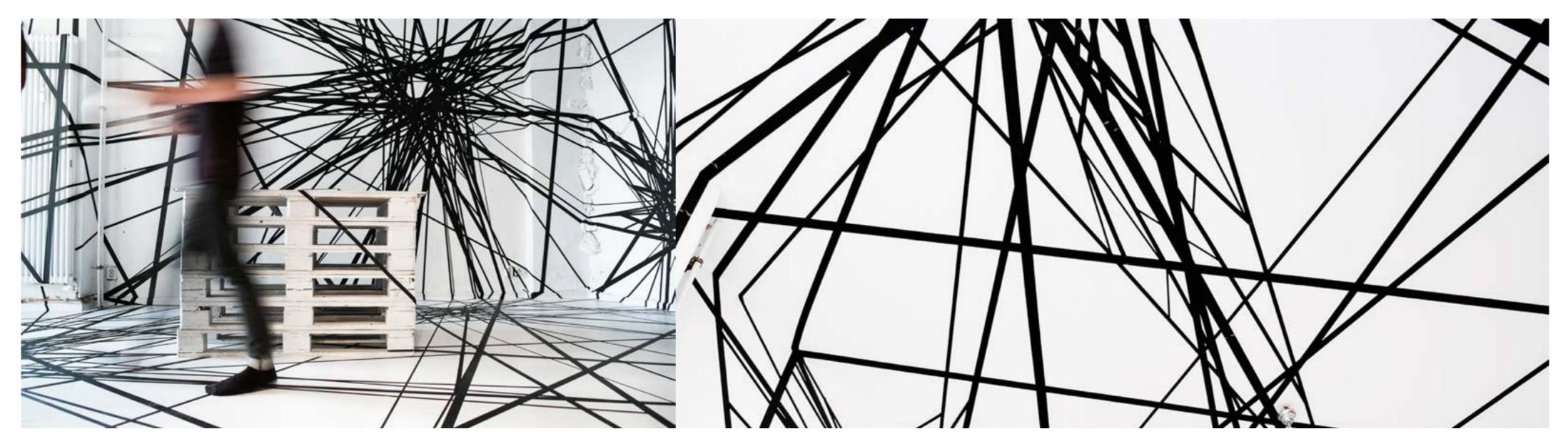
#### **RE:IMAGINE STREET ART**

Interactive roominstallation combined with augmented reality Germany, Berlin 2018



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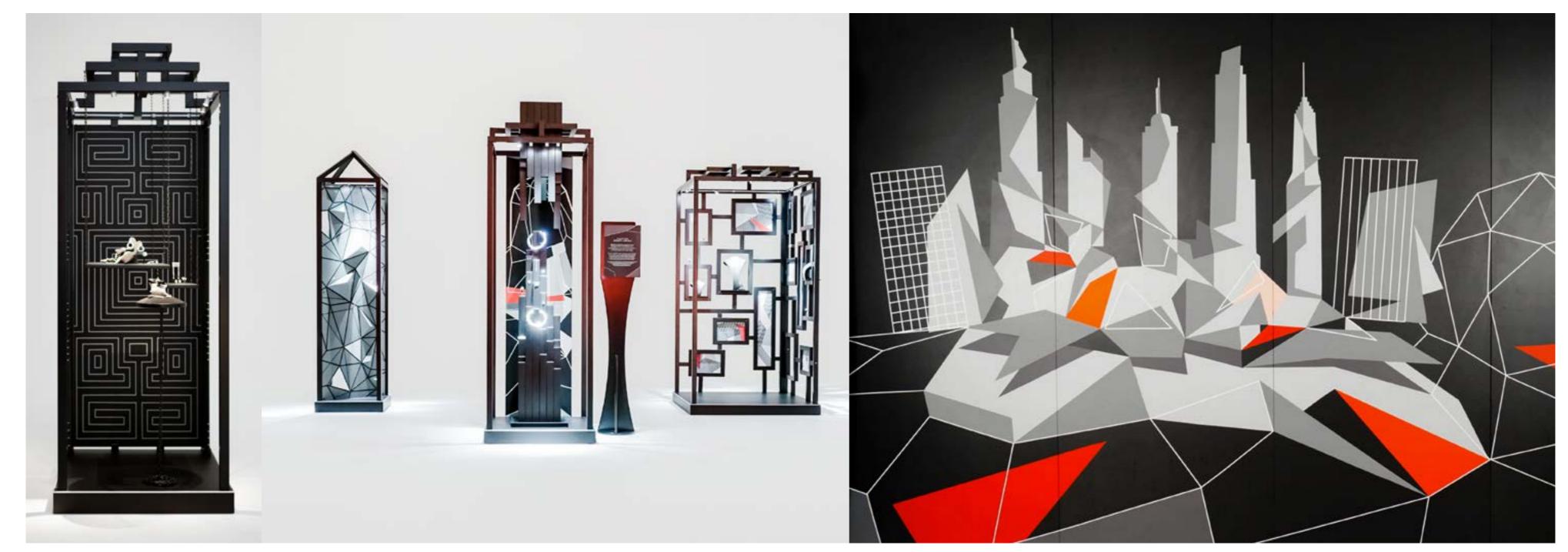
ല  $\Box$ e had the opportunity to participate in the famous Festival of Lights in Berlin in 2018. Iring the festival various public spots are illuminated with and transformed by images id videos by artists from all over the world. We created a collage of various recent tworks. The collage was showcased on the "Fernsehturm" (TV Tower) in the heart Berlin. Further we taped a 100m hallway of the atrium tower and thus created a wal-ble artwork. For this project we created an interlacing structure of straight lines that pught color into an otherwise monochrome surrounding.



#### **BLACK MATTER**

Exhibition Room Germany, Berlin 2015





#### WEMPE ROADSHOW

Cube-nstallation and Artwork Germany, Berlin 2018

# **OHHH DE COLOGNE**

This 5m tall art piece we've created as a perfect match for the newly opened concept store "Ohhh De Cologne". We installed it in the beginning of 2018 in the Cologne Passage. It shows a process of how a face arises out of a simple pattern of straight lines. The lines seemingly flow from the top and form the hair of this lady. We hope visitors don't feel to intimidated by her slightly posh and severe appearance. The piece was created out of foil and finalized with tapes on a large PVC foam board construction.



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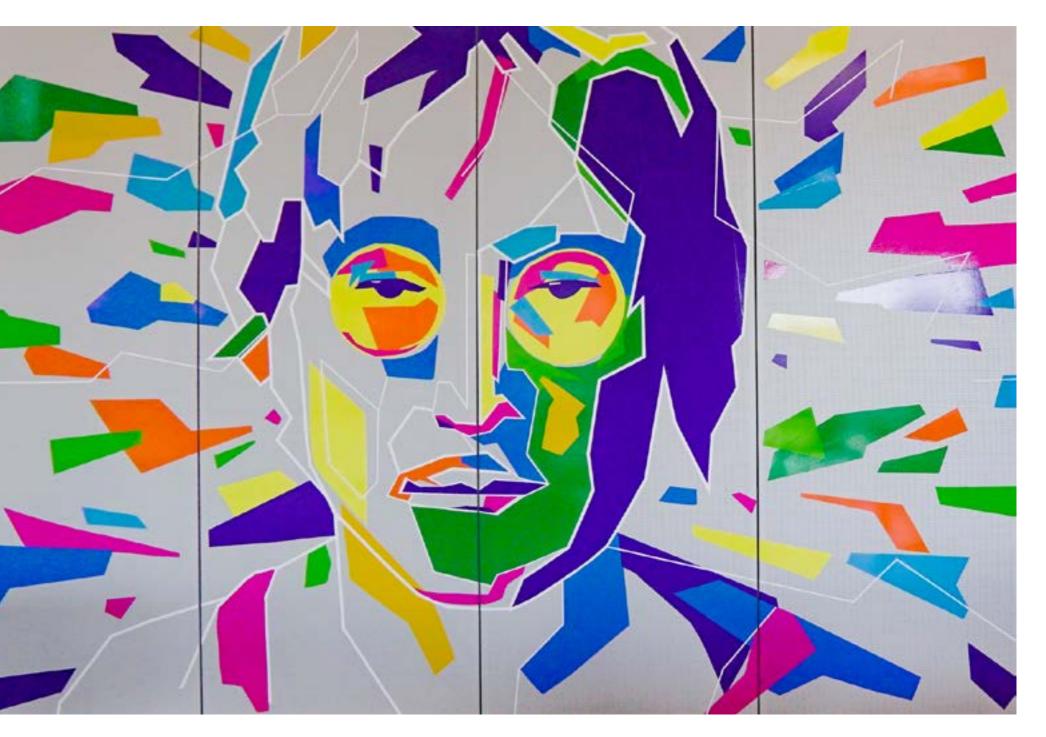


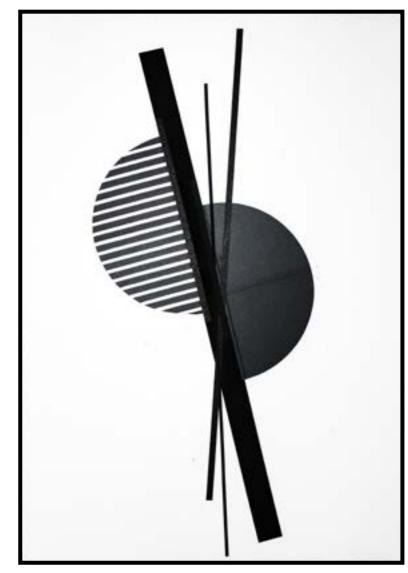
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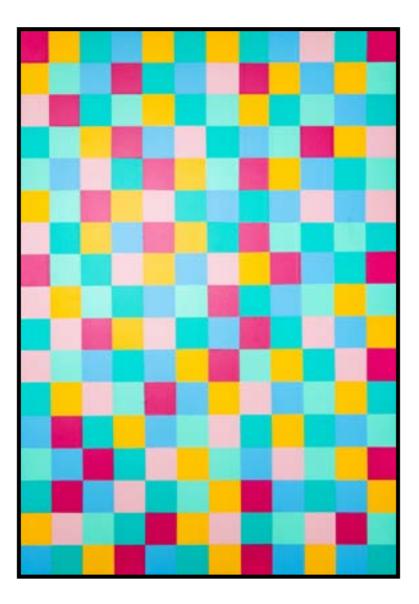
In summer 2018 we created this mural named "Heat" in Berlin. It was a gift to our friends from the "Klebeland" tape store for their 10th anniversary. We had free choice of their entire tape collection for this artwork, so we tried some transparent colorized packaging tape. By layering it we achieved an aestetic similar to infrared camera images. The sunglasses are taped with reflecting aluminum tape.



**ADAM HALL** Lennon Germany, Neu-Anspach 2018







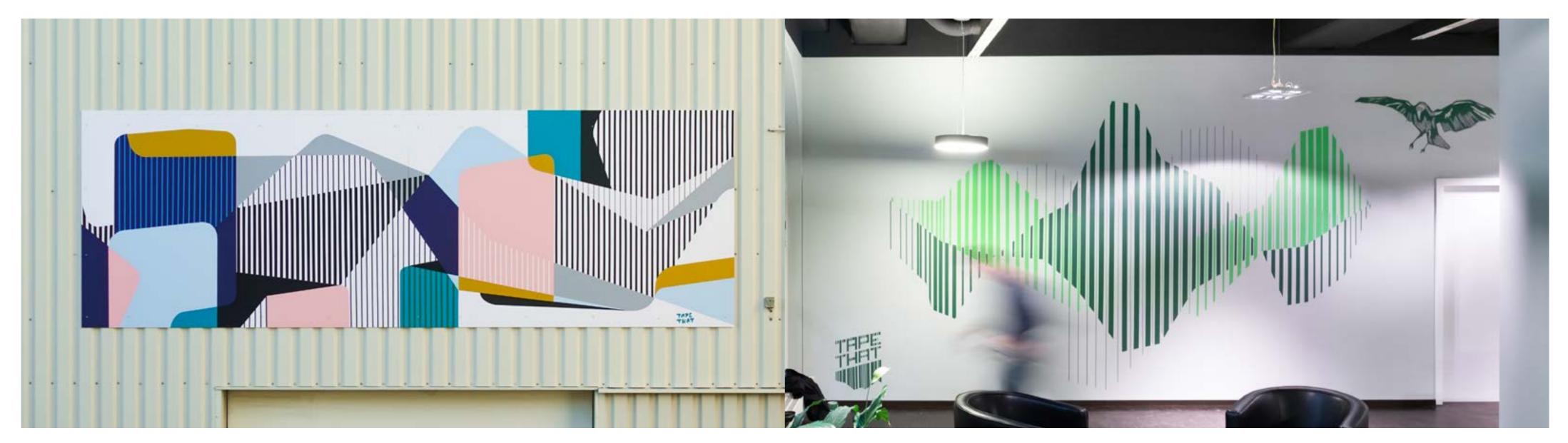
**CRASHING COLORS** 

Exhibition Tape on wooden panel Size: 59x84cm Germany, Berlin 2018



#### POLDI

Lukas Podolski Stiftung Size: 140x100cm Portrait on alu dibond Germany, Cologne 2018

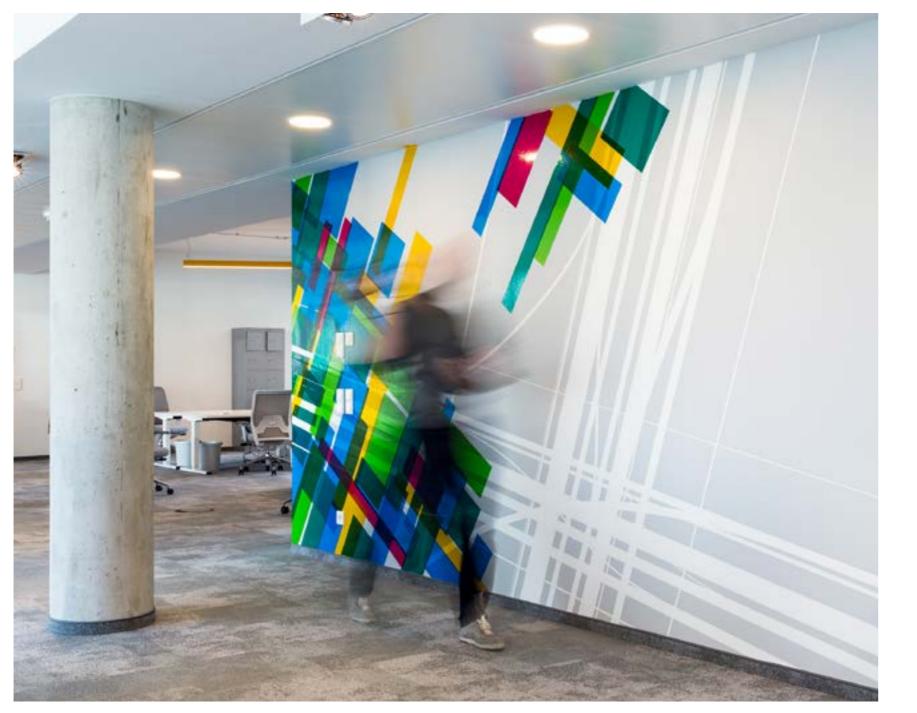


#### RIMOWA

Installation Germany, Cologne 2018

#### **AKADEMIA RESIDENZ**

Mural Germany, Berlin 2016



**MOIA** Office Design Germany, Berlin 2018





Office Design Germany, Düsseldorf 2018

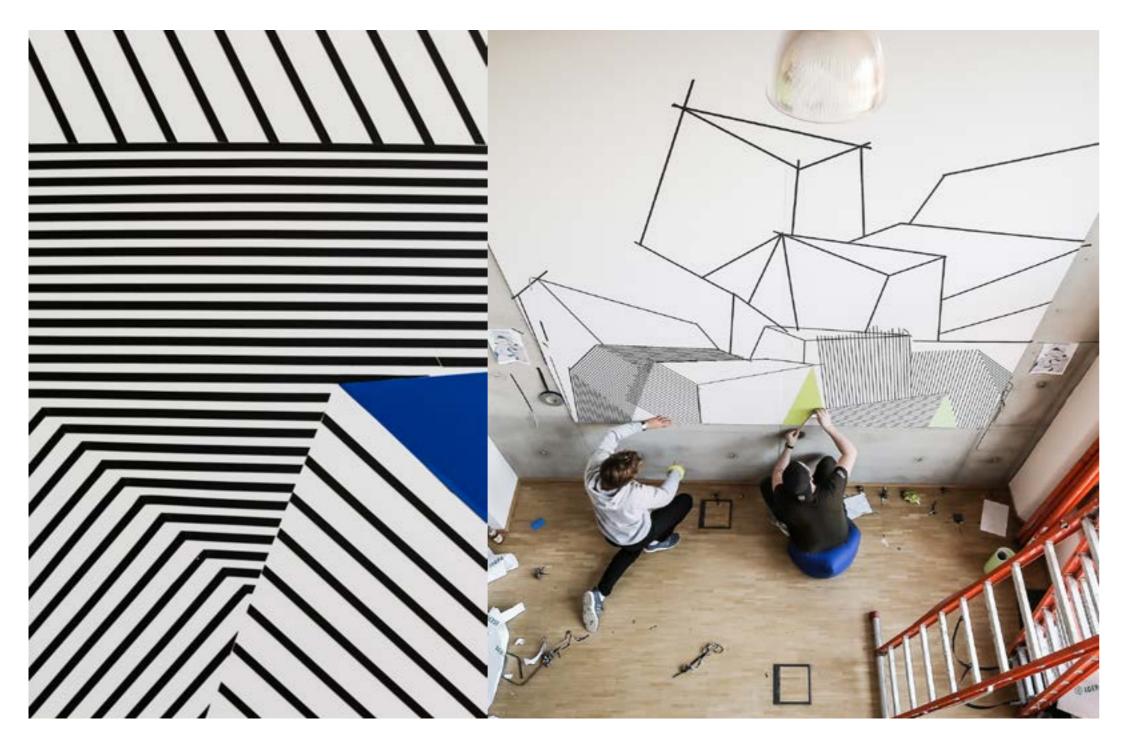


**CATRICE** Showroom Germany, Berlin 2017





SCALING SPACES Office Design Germany, Berlin 2017





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Artwork in office Germany, Düsseldorf 2017

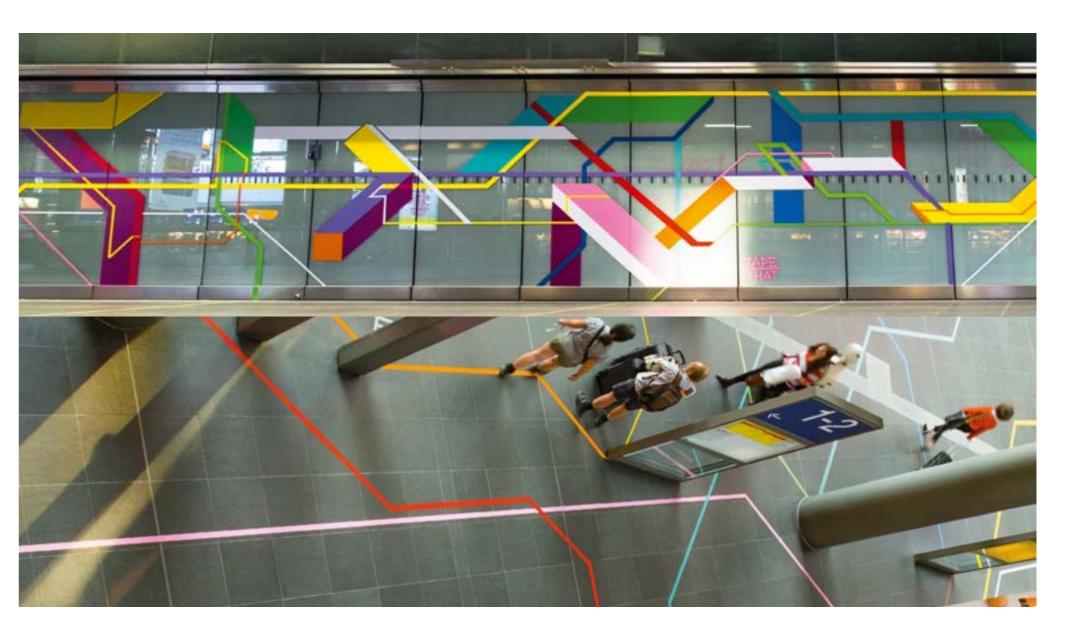


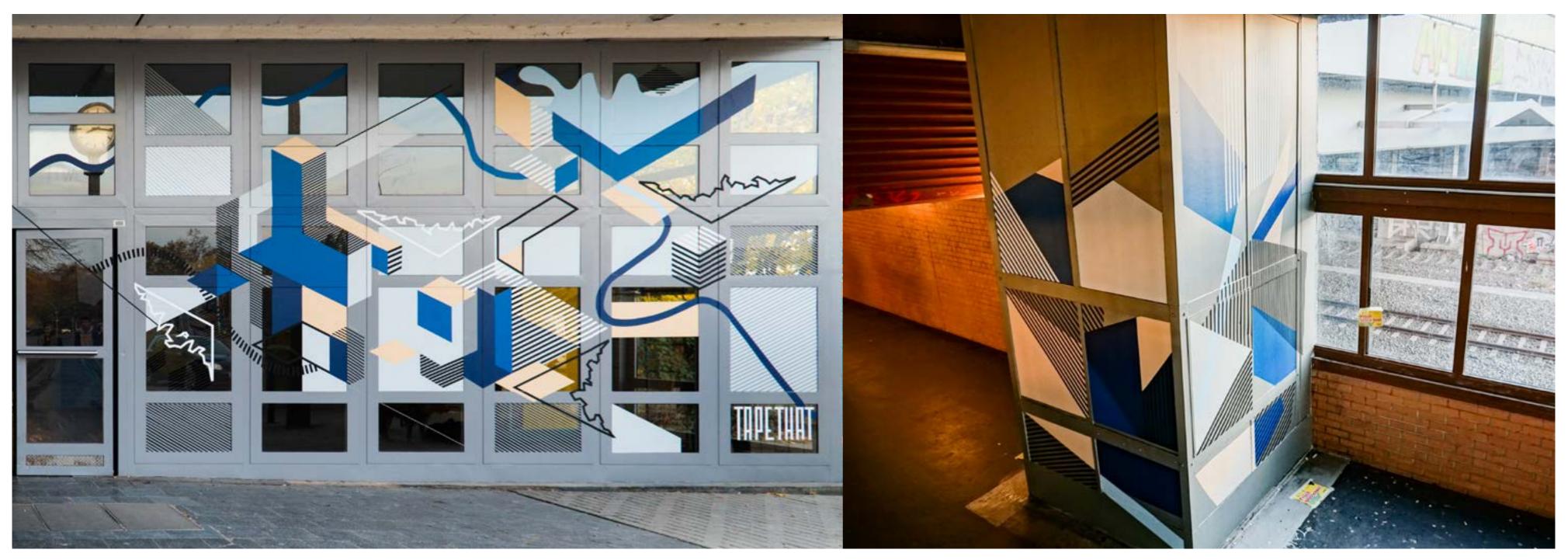
**R+V** Office Design Germany, Wiesbaden 2017



#### **BERLIN HAUPBAHNHOF**

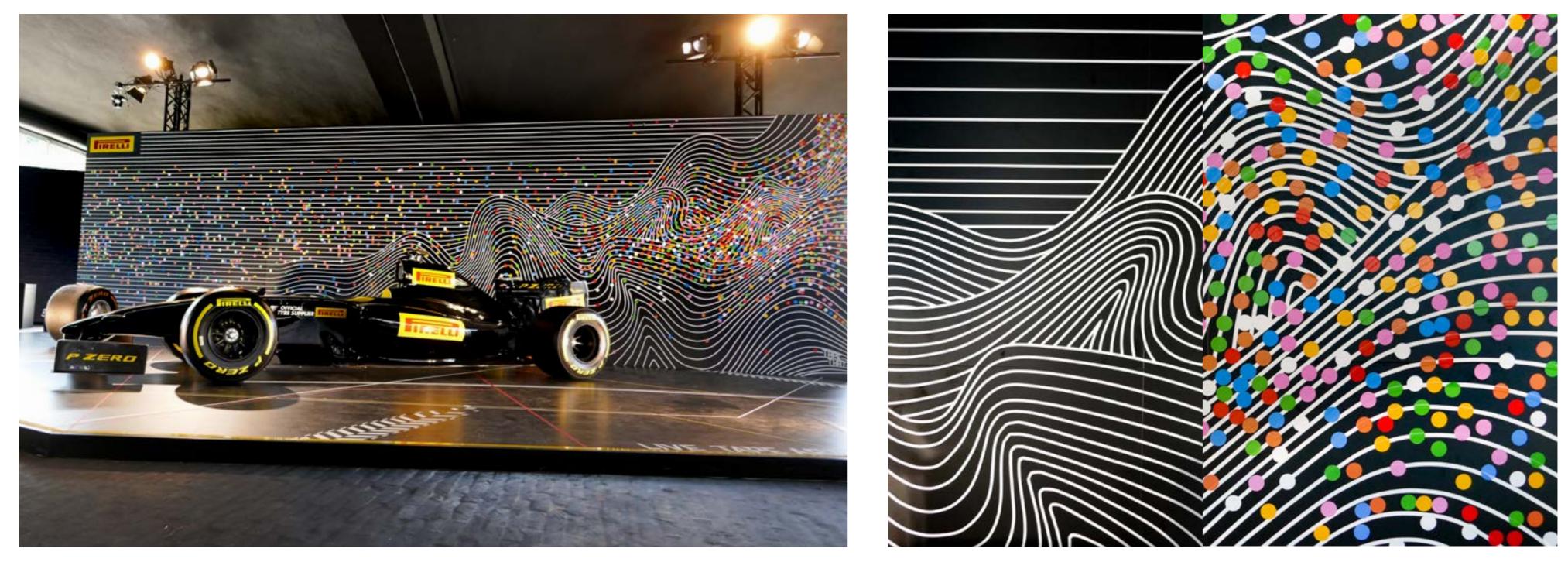
Facade, mural and visual concept Germany, Berlin 2016





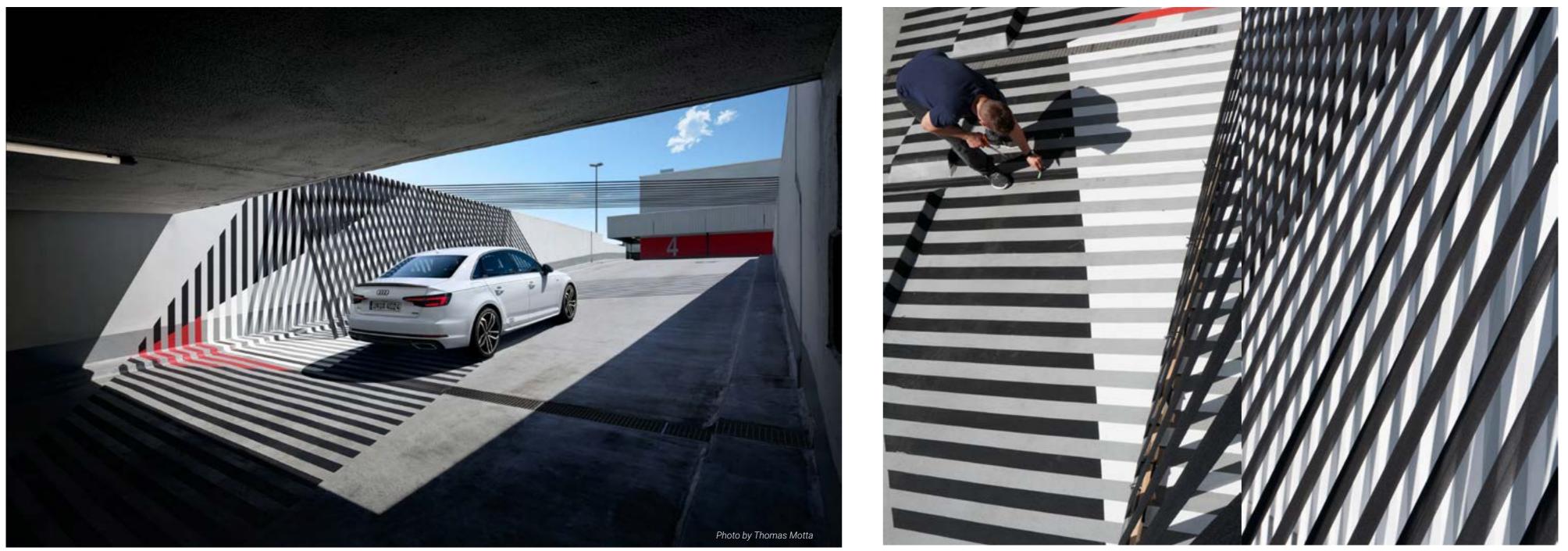
#### DEUTSCHE BAHN

Landsberger Allee Facade and Installation Germany, Berlin 2018



#### PIRELLI

Grand Prix Interactive Artwork Italy, Monza 2018





AUDI

Installation for photo shoot Germany, Hamburg 2018



**VOLKSWAGEN** Installation for photo shoot Germany, Wolfsburg 2015



# WORKSHOPS

OPEN WORKSHOPS TAPE ART ACADEMY TEAMBUILDINGS & INCENTIVES



Sharing our passion for tape art is one of the most rewarding aspects of our work. Therefore we try to give workshops frequently, to convey the basics of tape art to the participants, let them play around and introduce them to a broad variety of approaches to tape art.





#### NAMIBIA WORKSHOP

Tape Art around the world Open workshop Namibia, Windhoek 2018





#### BANGLADESH WORKSHOP

Tape Art around the world Open Workshop Bangladesh, Dakar 2018



#### TAPE ART ACADEMY WORKSHOP

Taping in small groups Germany, Berlin 2018







# TAPE ART ACADEMY

To spread Tape Art and to educate whoever might be interested in this subject, we founded the Tape Art Academy in 2017. The Tape Art Academy regularly hosts hands-on Tape Art workshops featuring many wellknown Tape Artists. To date we held several workshops in Berlin, Hamburg and Cologne. If you are interested in joining a workshop, hit us up on the contact form of the Tape Art Academy website.

www.tapeartacademy.com



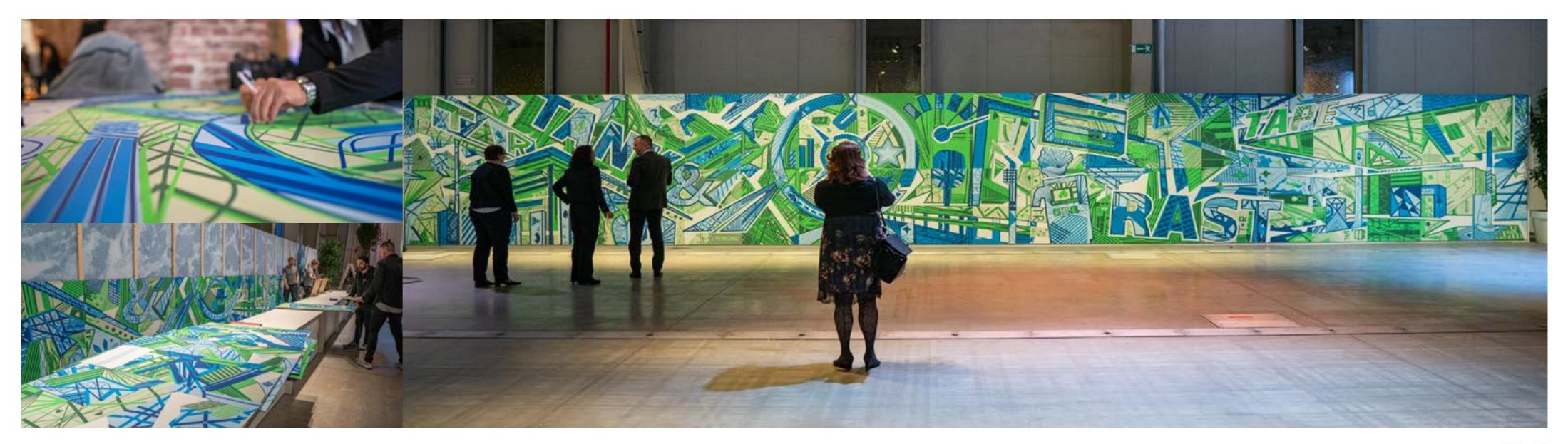
#### DECADA WORKSHOP

Teambuilding Germany, Berlin 2018



#### KIENBAUM

Teambuilding Germany, Cologne 2018



#### TANK & RAST 800PAX

Teambuilding Germany, Cologne 2018



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## THANK YOU FOR THE SUPPORT

Numerous people around the globe have been crucial for realising each project in this book, and we are thankful to all of them. As this list is probably endless, we would like to express our special thanks to a few partners that have been, and continue to be, essential to our artistic development.

#### Klebeland

Klebeland is our tape store from the beginning. It's the place where we have started. If you find yourself in need for some good old Klebeband from Berlin, this is where you get it.

#### Laurenz Bostedt

Laurenz is a photographer and videographer, who has helped us documenting some of our most ambitious projects.

#### XI Design

Die Dixons (a.k.a. XI Design) founded the Berlin Art Bang e.V. and have organised Projects like Artcaden, The Haus, Berlin Mural Fest and many other large scale urban art projects. They have built a community of artists around the globe and had a massive impact on the urban art culture in Berlin.

## **CLIENT LIST**

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