



SAHA Brings the International Art Community Together in Istanbul with “Istanbul Conversations”

Taking place between 24–26 June 2026, “Istanbul Conversations” will bring together directors of art institutions, curators, artists and cultural professionals from around the world in Istanbul. Having supported over 650 artists, curators, writers and art initiatives, as well as projects at more than 310 museums, biennials and non-profit art institutions across 52 countries since 2011, SAHA organized the program to foster international dialogue in the field of contemporary art, encourage knowledge sharing and open pathways for new collaborations.

Through panels, discussions and institutional visits held over three days, participants will exchange ideas on institutional models in contemporary art, the changing conditions of cultural production, international collaborations and relations between different geographies. The program will provide a platform for evaluating the present and future of the contemporary art ecosystem from multiple perspectives.

As part of “Istanbul Conversations”, 35 art professionals from Germany, the United States, Austria, Australia, Bangladesh, the United Arab Emirates, the United Kingdom, Brazil, Armenia, Estonia, Finland, France, Hong Kong, Spain, Sweden, Switzerland, Iceland, Lebanon, Egypt, Norway, Uganda, Türkiye and Greece will be hosted in Istanbul. The program will feature representatives from international art institutions including Sharjah Art Foundation, Asia Art Archive, Asymmetry Art Foundation, SculptureCenter, Samdani Art Foundation, Phileas, Frame, OCA, IASPIS, NEON, TBA21 and 32° East.

Throughout the program, participants will come together in sessions focusing on international collaborations, the future of biennials, the evolving roles of art institutions, artist residency programs and cultural support mechanisms. Visits to Salt, Zeyrek Çinili Hamam, Arter, Depo and Istanbul Modern will offer the opportunity to share different perspectives on Istanbul’s cultural heritage and contemporary art ecosystem.

“Istanbul Conversations” aims to encourage long-term exchange between art professionals from different geographies and Türkiye, while further strengthening Istanbul’s position within international art discourse.

About SAHA

Founded in 2011 as a nonprofit association, SAHA provides unconditional support to the arts by adopting a participatory approach to governance and resource development in collaboration with its members, corporate supporters, project partners, and advisors. Having supported over 650 artists and curators across 314 museums, biennials, and non-profit institutions in 52 countries over the past 15 years, SAHA continues to expand its mission to contribute to the integration of artists and art professionals from Turkey into the global art ecosystem.

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