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375-M² MURAL BY NEW YORK URBAN ARTISTS HOW AND NOSM IN THE BERLIN EXHIBITION AT THE HUMBOLDT FORUM

Urban artists How and Nosm have been working for three weeks on the “Thinking the World” mural that will greet visitors to the Berlin Exhibition at the Humboldt Forum. Part of the mural is completed and was presented to the public on Wednesday.

The mural was curated by **Yasha Young**, an internationally renowned curator and founder of Urban Nation, Berlin’s museum for urban contemporary art. It is being created by How and Nosm, twin brothers and urban artists who were born in Germany and moved to New York in 1999.

This opening room presents the **leitmotif of the exhibition: Berlin and its connections with the world**. The 360-degree mural entitled “Thinking the World” depicts a different **worldview with historical reference** on each of the four walls:

- the worldview of expansion, which has marked the globe since Portuguese and Spanish colonial conquests in the 15th and 16th centuries;
- the worldview of division, which shaped European colonial policies of the 19th century and also the histories of Berlin’s scientific and museum collections;
- the worldview of interconnection, which the Humboldt brothers stand for;
- the worldview of shared cooperation, a postcolonial approach that values both global connections and special local qualities.

The entire mural will be completed in December 2019.

MORE INFORMATION

<https://www.humboldtforum.org/en/pages/berlin-exhibition>

<https://www.kulturprojekte.berlin/en/project/berlin-ausstellung-im-humboldt-forum/>

<https://www.en.stadtmuseum.de/humboldt-forum>

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The Berlin Exhibition at the Humboldt Forum is a coproduction of Kulturprojekte Berlin and the Stadtmuseum Berlin. The exhibition’s design and contents were developed by a team led by Paul Spies, Chief Curator for the State of Berlin at the Humboldt Forum and Director of the Stadtmuseum Berlin. Kulturprojekte Berlin is responsible for the production, communications and – together with the Stadtmuseum Berlin – displays which are universally accessible and inclusive.

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