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A pan-European cooperation of artists to face the challenge of Covid-19

Gerd LEPIC (Murnau - Germany) and Eric SCHAFTLEIN (Cernay-la-Ville - France) launched the pan-European art project in April 2020 with the idea of developing an informal artists collective, *ARTISTS IN MASKS*. An innovative way in these times of pandemic to open a path from temporary and content-limited action to sustainable collaboration among artists.

ARTISTS IN MASKS is trans-European and interdisciplinary.



More than 40 artists from 7 European countries took part in this collective work on the meaning of the mask in the period of the Corona pandemic. It thus marks the beginning of a series of actions which pursue and further develop these objectives. There are a number of important topics in Europe that should be dealt with artistically - a look at the internet appearances of our participants shows that they are already taking good care of them.

ARTISTS IN MASKS work as acrobats, action artists, arrangers, authors, designers, sculptors, set designers, clowns, poets, musical directors, entertainers, photographers, graphic artists, editors, illustrators, instrumental soloists, journalists, composers, art critics, songwriters, painters, music teachers, sculptors, singers, actors, writers, draftsmen, and many more.



The meaning of masks ...

Several initiatives were launched in 2020:

- the website www.artistsinmasks.eu – the “heart” of their actions and projects –,
- the mini-series *Artists in Masks presents...* on their YouTube channel, where each episode presents one of the artists and his/her work.



The German artist, Uta Schnuppe-Strack, presenting one of her works

More initiatives will be conducted throughout 2021, in particular a collective exhibition which will travel from Germany to Italy and hopefully many other European countries.