



## **ARTISTIC PROJECTS OF ALL GENRES SOUGHT FOR THE ART-PROJECT NEXTSTOP:MATCHBOX**

### **MATCHBOX, THE ITINERANT ART AND CULTURAL PROJECT IN THE METROPOLE REGION OF THE RHEIN-NECKAR, AND S-BAHN RHEINNECKAR ARE SEEKING INNOVATIVE ARTISTIC PROJECTS**

Matchbox and the S-Bahn RheinNeckar are initiating a joint artistic project along the track in the Neckar Valley in Baden-Wuerttemberg and Hesse. With “NextStop:Matchbox” we are inviting artists to develop innovative formats, performances and interventions that should invite participation both on the street cars and along the track that connects a host of villages and people within the region.

**“NextStop:Matchbox” is focussing on the track along the Neckar Valley (from Heidelberg to Mosbach) and its suburban trains as the connective element for people and villages in the area. This mobile space is host to the people of different communities in the region on a daily basis and thus offers diverse audiences for artistic interventions and performances as well as an ideal platform for unusual formats of art.**

#### **WHO AND WHAT ARE WE LOOKING FOR?**

- Artistic projects of all genres (literature, music, theatre, performing arts, painting drawing and sculpture, film, photography, architecture etc.), that understand and use the trains and carriages as an innovative space or stage. Projects should make use of in-train spaces or potentially use the surrounding possibilities within stations, communities and nature along the track.
- Innovative projects that invite participation and:
  - That use in-train spaces as setting or stage and promote communication and exchange of ideas amongst commuters.
  - That turn known venues into unknown ones, thus providing the region’s people with a novel point of view of familiar spaces (their squares, their local trains, their co-commuters, their stations, etc.).
  - That understand commuters and residents as collaborators and activate their own artistic social actions or their participation.
- Artists who are willing to discover the specific possibilities in the region of the Neckar Valley and who are prepared to live in one of the local communities from September to October 2016 and involve locals in their projects.

The following parameters are to be considered in developing project ideas on the stage of the S-Bahn trains:

- Projects should not rely on the use of a particular carriage or train, but should be flexible enough to be usable in various vehicles. Materials used should therefore be mobile (the reason for this is that carriages are used across the train net, and no single train or carriage is in constant and invariable use on the track of the Neckar Valley).
- Changes to interiors or exteriors of the trains need to be easily installable and removable and cannot necessitate changes to the existing structures.

## WHICH FORMAL GUIDELINES ARE GIVEN?

Proposals for projects should...

- Not exceed 5 pages (including estimated cost and short biographies of participants)
- Not exceed a financial benchmark of max.: 10 000 € (to include materials, travel and accommodation)
- Include plans for project presentation on May 17<sup>th</sup> to 19<sup>th</sup> and consider September 26<sup>th</sup> to October 15<sup>th</sup> as given time frame for the realisation.
- Be submitted by April 28<sup>th</sup> 2016 in German or English at: [matchbox@m-r-n.com](mailto:matchbox@m-r-n.com).

The jury reserves the right to withhold comment on decisions. Submitted materials will not be returned.

## WHAT HAPPENS NEXT?

Date of submissions:	28. April 2016
Meeting of the jury:	03. May 2016
Presentation of the projects:	17. - 19. May 2016
Decisions on accepted projects:	20. May 2016
Project realisation time frame:	26. September - 15. October 2016

## DO YOU HAVE FURTHER QUESTIONS?

In case of further questions, please contact the Matchbox team of the Metropolregion Rhein-Neckar GmbH by telephone: 0621/1298765 or email: [matchbox@m-r-n.com](mailto:matchbox@m-r-n.com)

For questions regarding possibilities and conditions of use on the S-Bahn trains, please contact the S-Bahn RheinNeckar team by telephone: 0621/8301580 or email: [ute.greter@deutschebahn.com](mailto:ute.greter@deutschebahn.com)

**NextStop: Matchbox** is a joint project of **Matchbox** and



## Matchbox

Is an itinerant art and cultural project initiated by the Kulturbüro of the Metropolregion Rhein-Neckar. Matchbox “matches” or connects communities with international artists, predominantly in the rural areas of the Rhein-Neckar region. Musicians, performers, authors and other artists live and work within the communities of the region, where they create original and locally specific art projects in collaboration with locals. The artistic process with participation of the local communities is at the heart of this original format which brings confrontation with and appreciation of art to the doorstep of the people.

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## The S-Bahn RheinNeckar :

is run by the DB Regio AG – region Southwest, as part of the Deutschen Bahn AG (German Rail). The S-Bahn RheinNeckar is perceived by the public to be a strong regional product and is, politically, a strong visible symbol of interregional connectivity and merging in the region. It stands for quality and reliable connections as well as being an attractive rail commuter service within the Southwest. As part of the public transport service in Baden-Württemberg, the Palatinate, Saarland and the Rhein-Neckar region it connects 105 stations on a track of 395 km length. The S-Bahn RheinNeckar enables commuters to reach centres of culture, theatres, concerts and festivities easily, comfortably and rapidly.

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