

## **BELVEDERE 21: QUEERING THE BELVEDERE**

**Public Program 2021 celebrates June *Pride Month* with events from June 11 to 24, 2021.**

*Pride Month* at the Belvedere: Once again the June public program of the Belvedere 21 sets sail under billowing rainbow flags raised in front of the Belvedere Palace and the museum pavilion at the Schweizergarten. With a diverse program of events, discussions, and film presentations, *Queering the Belvedere* sends a message of diversity, tolerance, and respect for people of all backgrounds.

During June *Pride Month*, events take place across the globe not only to honor those who lost their lives fighting for the rights of queer people but also to promote a commitment against homophobia and advocacy for a diverse society.

Stella Rollig: "*Raising the rainbow flag on public institutions and buildings is a broad expression of solidarity with the queer community and its demands. During Pride Month, the Belvedere not only raises the rainbow flag in front of various museum sites – its thematic focus in art education and the Queering the Belvedere program further demonstrate the museum's commitment to open-mindedness and inclusion.*"

All performances, readings, concerts, film screenings, presentations, and talks are free of charge and will take place outdoors in the sculpture garden of the Belvedere 21. The event will kick off with the presentation of the new issue of *Crip Magazine* and a film screening curated by Vienna-based artist Eva Egermann. The festival will also include a Queer History Tour and a guided tour dedicated to the founder of the Belvedere, Prince Eugene: Queering Prince Eugene, the Figure and Myth of Prince Eugene of Savoy (1636–1736). *Queering the Belvedere* will also host the >Anti Stigma< Crip Convention Vienna 2021 as well as Screenfest. The Queer Film Festival will take place at the Blickle Kino. Underway already is a 70-meter-long installation in the baroque garden of the Belvedere (between Landstraßer Gürtel and Löwentor) initiated by the artist Ugo Rondinone: the project features the motif of a rainbow created by 1,600 elementary school students from all over Austria. The public is invited to visit the world's largest rainbow painting to celebrate hope, tolerance, and diversity; starting June 13, free of charge and during the palace garden's regular opening hours.

*Queering the Belvedere* is curated by Christiane Erharter and Claudia Slanar.

All dates subject to current event regulations.

To book required reservations and tickets visit: [www.belvedere.at/programm](http://www.belvedere.at/programm)