



#4 Pop-up Kunsthalle zu Kiel Lu Yang. Electromagnetic Brainology

30 January to 15 March 2026

Before renovation work begins in spring 2026, the Kunsthalle zu Kiel is presenting its fourth and final pop-up project in the Kunsthalle's glass porch. Lu Yang is one of the most prominent figures in contemporary Chinese art. His video installation has a colourful and sound-intensive impact on the public space. Created almost ten years ago, the work *Electromagnetic Brainology* combines aesthetics from anime, computer games and Buddhism. It focuses on pain as a neurological process in the human brain.

The Kunsthalle has been closed since autumn 2023. Before construction work begins in spring 2026, the institution will present contemporary art one final time. For this occasion, the private Haus N Collection Kiel / Athens has generously made its holdings available.

Lu Yang (born 1984; pronouns: he/him) creates immersive digital imagery that engages directly with the exhibition space. His work explores themes including Buddhism, gender, the body, and fundamental aspects of the human condition, with dance as a recurring and central element. Born in Shanghai, Lu Yang studied there and now lives and works between Shanghai and Tokyo.

The colourful video installation *Electromagnetic Brainology*, which also extends into public space, combines depictions of Buddhist deities with action figures from the fantasy entertainment franchise *Masters of the Universe*, first introduced in the 1980s. Created in 2017 and inspired by the visual language of anime, the work connects Buddhist and Hindu concepts of the four elements—earth, water, fire, and air—with neurological processes of pain in the human brain. Lu Yang repeatedly integrates his self-portrait into his art: his avatar plays the role of the human protagonist who suffers from pain.

Curated by Muriel Meyer

Location: Glass porch of the Kunsthalle zu Kiel, Düsternbrooker Weg 1, 24105 Kiel

Hours: The exhibition is designed for outdoor viewing and can be accessed daily from 7.00 a.m. to 10.00 p.m.

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