

Anna-Sophie Berger
Tower 1 and Tower 2

Various Others Munich
VO'26 Special: Vectors
Forum der Zukunft, Deutsches Museum
Museumsinsel 1, 80538 Munich
Access via Ludwigsbrücke

15–24 May 2026

Guided tour with Anna-Sophie Berger and Lou von der Heyde: Friday, 15 May 2026, 3 pm

Curated by Lou von der Heyde

Anna-Sophie Berger's presentation for Various Others Munich takes place at Forum der Zukunft, Deutsches Museum, as part of VO'26 Special: Vectors.

The sculptural pair *Tower 1* and *Tower 2* was produced in 2020 for Berger's solo exhibition *Duel* at Bonner Kunstverein. The works are made of polar fleece, tweed, wood, screws, wheels, and staples. Formally, their stepped structures refer to Japanese *kaidan-dansu*, or staircase chests: modular step chests that, in cramped interiors, operate as both storage and passage.

In Berger's work, these compact utilitarian forms expand into the architectural. They become mobile, provisional structures on wheels, recalling oversized children's building blocks as much as medieval siege towers. It is as though the furniture of a small room had tipped into monumentality, suspended between domesticity and the claiming of space, between nest and encroachment.

Susanne Mierzwiak reads the works through Michel de Certeau's notion of "tactics": not as action from a secure place of dominance, but as the improvised use of "the space of the other," taking advantage of the opportunities opened up by gaps in a given spatial order. The contrast between soft polar fleece in primary colours and stiff tweed – a traditional textile for jackets and suits – heightens this ambivalence between play and discipline, childlike quality and social dress code.

List of works

Anna-Sophie Berger

Tower 1, 2020

Polar fleece, tweed, wood, screws, wheels, staples

480 × 480 × 60 cm / 189 × 189 × 23.5 in

Courtesy of the artist and Layr, Vienna

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Tower 2, 2020

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480 × 480 × 60 cm / 189 × 189 × 23.5 in

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Anna-Sophie Berger, *Tower 1*, 2020. Installation view, Forum der Zukunft, Deutsches Museum, Munich, 2026. Presented for Various Others Munich as part of VO'26 Special: Vectors. Courtesy of the artist and Layr, Vienna. Photo: CHOREO, Roman Häbler and Lars-Ole Bastar.

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