

Basel Social Club 2026 - Kaiserwache
Protoplast
June 14–20, 2026

Kaiserwache is pleased to present a ten-panel mixed-media work on aluminum by Protoplast, on view at Basel Social Club on hallway level -1.

In keeping with its tradition of site-specific programming, the 2026 edition of Basel Social Club engages directly with the building's symbolic and material past. This year's edition takes place in a vacant multi-story office building designed by Diener & Diener that opened in 1996.

Protoplast's "nor opulent on office" problematizes a contemporary work culture driven by competition and performance, one now at the precipice of trying to outcompete automation at the expense of our own humanity.

Ten square, human-sized aluminum panels feature wheat-pasted paper worked with charcoal. The exposed, brushed aluminum between the paper and charcoal reflects ambient light, creating a visual dialogue with the exhibition space. The panels depict office workers in extreme postures merging with cables and devices, engaging in a choreography of institutional, technical, and algorithmic forces.

1 Protoplast
 nor opulent on office
 2026
 charcoal and print on paper on brushed aluminum
 10 panels, each 150 x 150 cm,
 installation site-specific

Entrances:

Main entrance: Erdbeergraben 1, 4051 Basel
Also accessible via: Viaduktstrasse 33–35, 4051 Basel
Entrance open until 10 PM daily.

Both entrances are wheelchair accessible.

Opening hours:

Sunday, June 14: 2 PM – 3 AM
Monday, June 15 – Saturday, June 20: 4 PM – 3 AM