

● LUMINALE 2020
↳ PRESSEMELDUNG

Frankfurt am Main
24.2.2020

KUU - The first Luminale light object you can take home

Especially for the Luminale, a collaboration between the designer Kai Linke and the frankfurter werkgemeinschaft e.V. (fwg) has created a light object in limited edition.

How does the moon come to the Luminale? – KUU is the Finnish word for moon and the title of a limited-edition light object made especially for the Biennale of Light Art and Urban Design. KUU is made by mentally ill and disabled people of the frankfurter werkgemeinschaft e.V. (fwg). “Urban design involves all social groups”, explains festival director Isa Rekkab. “The idea of realizing a project together with people with mental or physical disabilities already arose during the Luminale 2018. Thus, we contacted the frankfurter werkgemeinschaft e.V. and were able to win the designer Kai Linke for this project.”

With his STUDIO KAI LINKE, the Frankfurt-based designer has been designing and developing objects, lighting and furniture for international clients, companies and institutions since 2009, both in the area of interiors and trade fair architecture, as well as for the public space. The fwg is a social non-profit organisation that offers the mentally ill and disabled a wide range of opportunities for social and professional participation.

Before working on the actual design, Kai Linke visited the fwg workshop. Production possibilities, existing materials and the feasibility of various work processes were coordinated. Based on this a design was created – and a limited, handmade edition.

KUU is a buoyant, atmospheric light object. Its spherical shape, its light and the structure of its surface are reminiscent of the moon. The light object is integrated into its packaging thanks to its well-planned production method and the suitable use of material. The lampshade is made of tear-proof, recyclable material, illuminated from within by a dimmable LED element, via a USB cable, which is provided. Thanks to the integrated magnets on the bottom of the lamp, the light object adheres to metallic surfaces.

The instruction manual for the LED element, the USB cable and a straw to “blow” the lampshade “in shape” are provided on the side of the packaging. The straw is to be carefully inserted into the hole in the lampshade above the control element, to a maximum depth of one centimetre. To remove the lamp from the carrying bag, the perforation can be carefully cut with scissors.

KUU is the first exclusive light object at the Luminale that visitors can take along with them. It will be available at the Goethe House and the Luminale Festival Center in exchange for a contribution in support of the fwg.

Further information at luminale.de

About the Luminale

Since 2002, the Luminale has been held in Frankfurt every two years. Originally initiated by Messe Frankfurt in close cooperation with the exhibiting industry of the Light + Building, the light festival is now one of the biggest cultural events in Frankfurt and the Rhine-Main region. Since 2018, the Luminale, as a biennial for light art and urban design has pursued the goal of creating a popular and, at the same time, artistically and contextually high-quality program and to make a sustainable contribution to urban design. The city thus becomes not only a stage, but also the subject of the festival. Projects that deal with urban visions in light, architecture, technology, ecology and social interaction in the city or with its history and culture make this tangible – accompanied by an interdisciplinary dialogue on related issues. The Luminale 2018 presented 150 light productions in Frankfurt and Offenbach, attracting almost 250,000 visitors. The heart of the Luminale in the urban space is the Light Walk. A city walk and a public gallery of light art, created by places that can be reached on foot. Luminale e. V. was founded in June 2017 as a non-profit organization to promote and organize the Luminale as a biennial for light art and urban design.

Press contact

Luminale – Biennale für Lichtkunst und Stadtgestaltung
12th–15th March, 2020

Katja Bund
E-Mail: presse@luminale.de
T +49 (0) 172 3469 252
↳ luminale.de