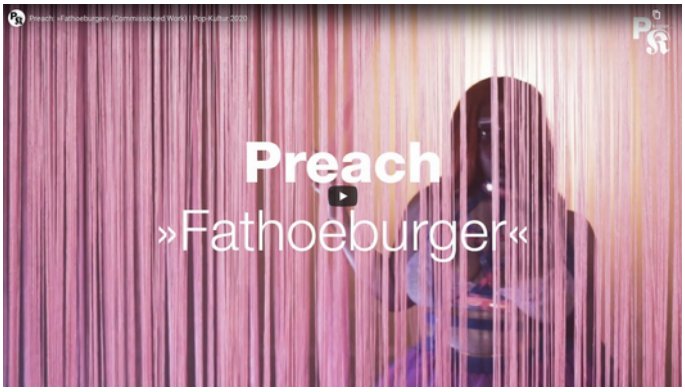
Pop-Kultur/2020

Press release from the 3rd September 2020

- **Dates for Pop-Kultur 2021 announced: 25th-27th August**
- **Pop-Kultur 2020 contributions online for free: The Notwist, Catnapp, Super Besse and more**
- **Part of Canada's cultural programme special guest at the Frankfurt Book Fair 2020/2021: Pop-Kultur contributions from Cartel Madras, Jessy Lanza, King Khan**

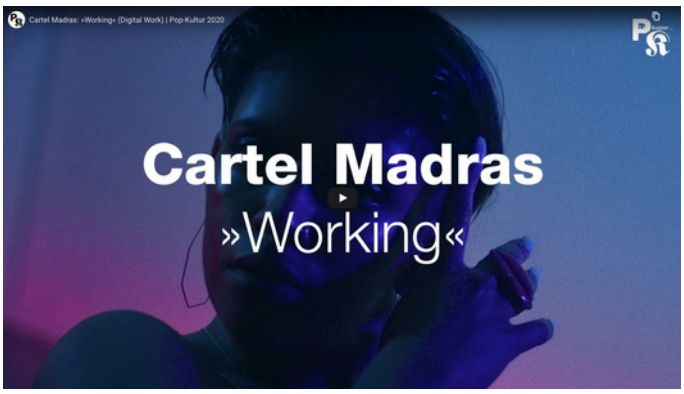
"Pop Culture 2020 was a jump in at the deep end – an experiment that turned out to be a success," sums up **Katja Lucker**, festival director and CEO of Musicboard Berlin, who, along with **Martin Hossbach** and **Christian Morin**, is responsible for the programme, which was reworked due to Covid-19. The 36 audiovisual works, including previously unreleased material from **The Notwist** and new works by **Catnapp**, **Preach**, **Noga Erez**, **Rafael-Evitan Grombelka** and others, were premiered online as part of Pop-Kultur from the 26th to the 28th of August, 2020.

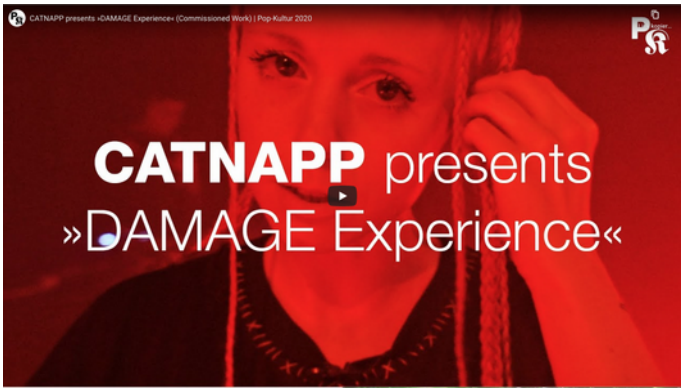
The feedback from the audience and artists has been consistently positive. *"Even if Pop-Kultur could happen again like it did before the pandemic, we would certainly want to incorporate and further develop some of these aspects in the long term,"* explains co-curator **Christian Morin**.



Pop-Kultur evolves in various ways:

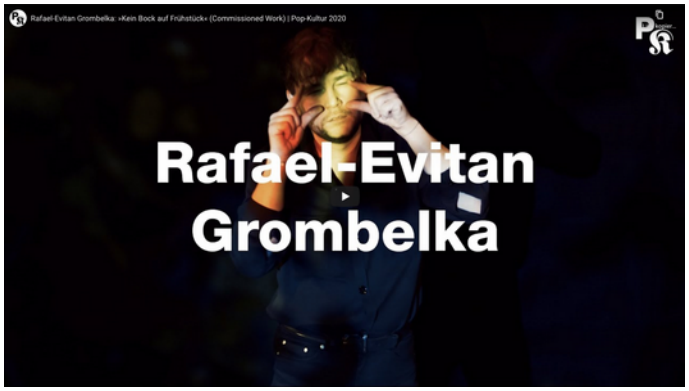
But even after the online premiere period, Pop-Kultur 2020 continues to have an impact. All works can now be streamed in their entirety, free of charge, in the festival's media library at pop-kultur.berlin. In addition, a public screening of the complete Pop-Kultur Show programme has already taken place on the big screen at the **Société des arts technologiques** in Montreal on the 29th of August. "We are delighted with the feedback indicating that this version for the screen, born out of necessity, is welcomed as a further development of the festival," says co-curator **Martin Hossbach** with a view towards the future of Pop-Kultur, which will take place next year from the 25th to the 27th of August.





Even more international and accessible:

The Canadian contributions to Pop-Kultur, created by the Indo-Canadian artist **King Khan** and his daughter, the artist **Saba Lou**, the duo **Cartel Madras** and the producer **Jessy Lanza**, are part of Canada's cultural programme as special guest at the **Frankfurt Book Fair** 2020/2021, which will take place from the 14th to the 18th of October.



Pop-Kultur makes its programme as accessible as possible, for example, with multilingual subtitles, information in simple language, audio descriptions and contributions in German Sign Language.

SESSIONS 24/7 Diva Heaven / Eat Lipstick / Isolation Berlin / MADANII & LLUCID / Mavi Phoenix / The Düsseldorf Düsterboys / The Notwist **COMMISSIONED WORKS** Ace Mahbaz / CATNAPP presents »DAMAGE Experience« / Chikiss presents »Silent Cinema in Modern Sound«/ hackedepicciotto remixed live by Gebrüder Teichmann / King Khan: »Rat-Tribution Now« / Preach: »Fathoeburger« / Rafael-Evitan Grombelka **COMMISSIONED WORKS DIGITAL** Galouchë Galore / Jammerpunk / Museum of Masculinities / Pop-Kultur Fanfaren **DIGITAL WORKS** 21 Downbeat / Cartel Madras / Eden Derso / Evija Vēbere / Hendrik Otremba / Jessy Lanza / JOJO ABOT / Mueran Humanos / Noga Erez / SADO OPERA / Super Besse / Theodora / Wanlov The Kubolor (FOKN Bois) / Yugen Blakrok **TALK** »Argumentepanzer«: Claudia Basrawi & Ted Gaier / »Do It Yourself: African Music Festivals«: Elena Schulz-Görner, Jumoke Adeyanju, Pamela Owusu-Brenyah & Wale Davies / »Kunst und Musik in Zeiten der Krise«: Dr. Nicole Bührsch, Max Gruber, Milena Fessmann, Pamela Schobeß & Wieland Krämer / »Ping Pong Hayat and the Art of Staying Alive«: Joana Tischkau, İpek İpekçioğlu, Reyhan Şahin, Ronya Othmann & Yeşim Duman / »Speaking of Sampling«: Azadê Peşmen, Enis Maci, Jesseline Sarkodie & Leyla Yenirce **FILM** »Contradict. Ideas for a New World« **DIGITAL RESIDENCIES** Goethe Residency: Mpho Sebina & S. Fidelity / Digital Residency Tel Aviv-Berlin: Echo & Tellavision

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