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Artist Profile

Heike Krause, known under the name TrashmaidBerlin, is a Berlin-born, Berlin-based artist rooted in Street Art and active in Trash Art since 2018. She transforms found waste—primarily marine debris and street trash collected in Berlin—into visually striking, socially engaged artworks. Her work addresses the global plastic crisis and its local manifestations, often placing art directly into public spaces. With a background in advertising and communication, she uses visual culture as a tool for environmental awareness and public dialogue.

Education & Training

Preliminary Diploma in Society and Business Communication, University of the Arts (Hochschule der Künste), Berlin, Germany

Certified Advertising Specialist (Geprüfte Werbekauffrau), Berlin

Professional Background

Graphic Designer and Advertising Professional

Several years of residence in Thessaloniki, Greece, working in the publications department of an agency of the European Union

Longtime Street Artist; active in Trash Art since 2018

Exhibitions & Public Art

Since 2018 – Street-based installations and interventions across Europe

2021–2025 – Public art projects for Gretlwand, Berlin

2021–2025 – Street art festivals in Goch (Germany), London and Manchester (UK), Naples (Italy), and Bordeaux (France)

2024 – Solo exhibition „Trash my Way“ October–November, German Environment Agency (Umweltbundesamt), Dessau, Germany

2024–ongoing – Permanent installation „Berlin Flag“, Illuseum, Berlin

Collaborations & Community Projects

Collective art projects focused on marine and urban pollution

- 2022 UNITED STAR OF EUROPE
- 2022 HELL'S KITCHEN
- 2023 LAST CALL
- 2024 OPEN YOUR EYES
- 2025 NETWORKING

Volunteer Ambassador for MBRC The Ocean, supporting global awareness about ocean pollution

Publications & Recognition

2025 (upcoming) – Featured in Social Art Award Book 2025 as one of the shortlisted artists for the award 2025

Media coverage and interviews: trashmaidberlin.de/INFO/VEROeffENTLICHUNGEN

Artistic Focus & Values

- Trash Art as a form of environmental and urban activism
- Integration of Street Art's collaborative and democratic spirit into Trash Art practice
- Focus on plastic pollution—from the sea to the city streets
- Art for the public: accessible, direct, within and beyond traditional institutions
- Committed to global collaboration and cross-cultural engagement