

Press text

CaBri sound installation "Laughing allowed". The Lutheran tower of the Wartburgkirche will laugh from 17 to 25 June 2017 in Frankfurt-Bornheim

Frankfurt-based artists Carolyn Krüger and Brigitte Kottwitz will make the Church's tower laugh for nine days during the 1st Global Laughter Yoga Conference from 23 to 25 June. The conference is under the patronage of the mayor of Frankfurt, Peter Feldmann. The church tower has been redesigned with banners of Lutheran portraits of Lukas Cranach on the occasion of the 55th anniversary of the Wartburgkirche in Luther's year. The question, whether Christians also have humor, was clearly answered by Martin Luther: "When there is faith, there is also laughter".

On June 22nd, the participants and visitors of the global conference will meet in the church for a peace prayer with pastor Thomas Diemer and with music from all over the world. Afterwards everyone goes to the nearby Guentherburgpark for an open air laughing session, which will end in a picnic. In our sound installation for the church tower "Laughing allowed, Laughing as a Peace Message" we see laughter as a solution. Laughing means living right in the moment. Collective laughter is communication, because when you laugh to someone, you will get a laugh back. Laughter is a sign and a means of peace between people, and from the church tower it is an offer for joy and a common laughter.

The global Lachyoga movement has now spread to 106 countries with thousands of laughter clubs. Our goal is health, happiness and world peace through laughter! Independent from belief or political attitude. The positive effects of laughter apply to all human beings. All around the world, people are "laughing in the same language", and thus for peace.

CaBri as artists deal with Laughter Yoga too. This brought us 10 years ago the idea, with a laugh from the church tower, to make an outward and unconcernable attention to the inner and outer peace. Whoever lives in inner peace carries his good news outwards. "We are not laughing because we are happy. We are happy because we laugh", Dr. Madan Kataria, India, founder of the Lachyoga movement.

Our project "Laughing allowed" stimulates discussion and relaxation. The media pay close attention to it. Laughing from above stands in an absurd contrast to the mighty ringing of the bells, whose powerful and demanding sound we have become accustomed for a long time, without realizing the actual message. The laughter is by no means as strong and loud as the ring of the bells. Apart from the technical problem, this is also not necessary. The tower laughing is so unfamiliar that the attention is certain to it. People on the street are wondering: where does the laughter come from? From above? Why is the tower laughing? Am I supposed to laugh?

The laughter sounds come regularly instead of the time signal of the tower clock. The bells are switched off during this time. The laughter sounds every quarter of an hour between 10am and 6pm.

Further information on our current projects, texts, press articles, films can be found on our website www.cabrikunst.de, www.glyc-germany.com and www.wartburggemeinde-frankfurt.de.

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