

Lentos Kunstmuseum Linz

Kyiv Biennial 2025 Vertical Horizon

The Kyiv Biennial, which celebrates its 10th anniversary in 2025, is an international project that interweaves artistic, political, and social issues. Against the backdrop of ongoing wars, colonial continuities, and global inequalities, the Biennial offers a space for reflection, solidarity, and critical engagement. At the initiative of tranzit.at, the Lentos Kunstmuseum presents the exhibition **Vertical Horizon**, conceived specifically for Linz. At the same time, further projects are taking place at the Museum of Modern Art in Warsaw, M HKA in Antwerp, the Dnipro Center for Contemporary Culture, and the Dovzhenko Centre in Kyiv.

The **Vertical Horizon** exhibition is based on the notion of land and landscape as poetic and political agencies. It traces their development as the visual basis of territorial identity – from marking borders and possessions to technologically armed, extractivist observation of the Earth's depths by national and transnational agents of power. The exhibition centers on the shift from horizontal geopolitical struggles on the Earth's surface to a vertical perspective – into geological depths and atmospheric heights, where resources are controlled and territories are monitored. Through planetary thinking, artistic research, and collective imagination, the project seeks to reclaim the agency of the Earth, opening up the perspectives beyond the hegemonic logic of violence. The exhibition venue in Linz – once home to the Hermann-Göring-Werke [Hermann Göring Steel-works] and deeply involved in the Nazi regime's Second World War armaments industry – provides a significant space for exploring the verticals of power, traces of violence, and potential artistic subversion. **Vertical Horizon** presents works by Ukrainian artists in dialogue with international positions. In parallel, an exhibition at Kunstraum Memphis (on view until December 5, 2025) expands on the themes explored at the Lentos.



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Daten & Fakten

Exhibition title	Kyiv Biennale 2025 Vertical Horizon
Duration	12 Nov 2025 – 6 Jan 2026
Press conference	Tue, Nov 11 11:00 a.m.–12:00 p.m.
Exhibition venue	Lentos Kunstmuseum
Credits	Curators: Serge Klymko, Sarah Jonas
Artists	Kateryna Aliinyk, Anca Benera & Arnold Estefán, Stefaniia Bodnia & Jack Dove, Sergey Bratkov, Olia Fedorova, Daria Koltsova, Elena Kristofor, Ihor Okuniev, Lesia Vasylchenko
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