



Fiona Hesse

Fiona Hesse, is the guest curator of WALK!, the current exhibition at the Schirn Kunsthalle Gallery in Frankfurt that includes over 100 work from more than 40 international artists. Recorded over a Zoom call, it was Andrew Stuck's pleasure to learn more about Fiona's own journey to becoming a curator, her enthusiasm for contemporary art, and in how she undertook a PhD on walking artist, Hamish Fulton. Hamish was one of the first Talking Walking interviewees back in 2008. Although the opening of the WALK! exhibition was delayed by COVID, some of the artists featured were able to include work they had created under pandemic restrictions. Fiona reveals some of the criteria used to select works, offers a useful working definition of walking art, as well as suggesting a couple of walking art practices for listeners to try. 24'51" 11.6MB

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Schirn Kunsthalle Gallery in Frankfurt – WALK!
<https://www.schirn.de/en/exhibitions/2022/walk/>

Matthias Ulrich also co-created the WALK! Exhibition, he is curator at Schirn Kunsthalle since 2004

Fiona studied Art History, Psychology and German Literature at University of Freiburg, Germany <https://uni-freiburg.de/en/> She gained practical experience as a curator at several art institutions, among them Fondation Beyeler Riehen/Basel <https://www.fondationbeyeler.ch/en/home>, Solomon R. Guggenheim Museum, New York, <https://www.guggenheim.org/>, Schirn Kunsthalle Frankfurt.

The first generation of walking artists included:

- Hamish Fulton https://en.m.wikipedia.org/wiki/Hamish_Fulton
- <https://www.talkingwalking.net/hamish-fulton-talking-walking/> Talking Walking interview from 2008
- Richard Long <http://www.richardlong.org>
- Francis Alÿs <https://francisalys.com>
- Bruce Nauman https://en.m.wikipedia.org/wiki/Bruce_Nauman

Anders Dickson, photographer, included work undertaken under pandemic restrictions
Flaneur magazine: <https://www.flaneur-magazine.com>

WALK! – the catalogue can be purchased here: <https://schirn.ticketfritz.de/en/Shop/Detail/26132/24431#prettyPhoto>

More info: <https://www.schirn.de/en/h/publikationen/kataloge/>

Fiona's recommended walking art practices:

1. Undertake a walk conscientiously, possibly start by counting your steps, take notice of your surroundings
2. Look at people's faces and look out for people laughing, on their mobile phone, or appearing to be happy
3. walk slowly or as slow as possible