

The jury (members listed below) for the Franckviertel & Hafenviertel neighborhood convened on May 14, 2008

From a total of three submissions, the following project was selected:

Project working title: “1,000 and One Tales of Franckviertel”

Submitted by “Capital of Culture Neighborhood Franckviertel Team, a group of local residents as well as social and cultural facilities in Franckviertel

“1000 and One Tales of Franckviertel“ gives an account of life in this multiethnic neighborhood and the culture of everyday life of its residents before the backdrop of the social and spatial facts & circumstances prevailing here. These tales provide glimpses into the existential worlds of the neighborhood’s various demographic groups. The point of staging these narratives in public places using theatrical means is to make people cognizant of the ways of life and lifestyles coexisting in this working-class neighborhood that might be said to be exemplary of Europe in the Age of Globalization. This is meant to launch a more intensive discourse among different segments of society, different cultures and different parts of town.

“Staging Social Life“: For an entire month, public spaces in Franckviertel will become a setting for drama, scenery, interventions and theatrical interactions. Kicking things off is a poetic opening festival on Brunnenplatz. Storytellers, amateur actors, musicians, acrobats and street theater performers, food cooking over open fires, and street vendors will immerse the square in a magical light. At the same time, this festival is the vernissage of al fresco artistic interventions in the neighborhood’s streets, squares, parks and apartment building courtyards. One month long, painted surfaces, symbolic constructions, photo exhibits and open-air installations will turn the whole neighborhood into a gallery. At certain problem zones in this part of town, Forumtheater will invite locals and visitors alike to participate in live drama. During this month, Franckviertel’s Breakfast International will certainly live up to its name when locals welcome guests from throughout the entire world. The grand finale will be a picnic with barbecues, snacks and a big entertainment lineup including an international children’s program spread out amongst the neighborhood’s parks and green spaces.

Project Participants:

Neighborhood residents: Anne Janssen, Mervan Spahia, Gitta Martl, Nicole Sevik, Mrs. Soukup, Karl Meggeneder, et al.

Neighborhood social welfare and cultural facilities: kuk – pro mente (Theater + Video); VS 33 elementary school; Association for Women’s Qualifications (glass and wood workshop); Newroz Cultural Association; HS 11 high school; HBLA for Artistic Education; JZ Franx, Stadtteilarbeit “Life in Franckviertel“; EKiz rundum; Franckviertel Mother-Child House; ne sola neighborhood center; GWG; FH Social Work

Breakfast International and Neighborhood Orchestra are cultural projects of, by and for residents of the neighborhood. They were established a year and a half ago, and meet on a regular basis.

kuk (pro mente), EKiz rundum, VS 33 and Stadtteilarbeit have amassed considerable experience conducting cultural and social welfare projects, and have been collaborating with one another for many years.

Jury Members:

Gerda Forstner, representing Linz Kultur

Tamara Schwarzmayr, representing Linz09

Claudia Dworschak, Capital of Culture Neighborhood of the Month project staff member

Rupert Lanz, local resident in an advisory function with no vote
Özgür Tas, representing the indie art and cultural scene
Norbert Tomasi, representing the partner neighborhood Linz Mitte