

80 Years SKB as a Social Sculpture

The Artists' Celebration

A central element of the anniversary year is a large artists' celebration conceived as a social sculpture, making the collective energy of the Südtiroler Künstlerbund visible and tangible. Exhibitions, performances, interventions, and participatory actions come together in a complex and multifaceted event supported by its members. At its core is a collective artistic action conceived as a contemporary social sculpture.

The Artistic Action for the Celebration

For this project, curated by Thom Schaar Mahpoori (curator from the Netherlands), 400 T-shirts in eight different colors will be produced and designed by members, friends, and all people passionate about art.

Each T-shirt features the "80 Years SKB" anniversary logo designed by Arnold Mario Dall'O, embroidered as a label on the back below the neckline.



The logo combines the shape of the number 8 with the infinity symbol (∞). It represents eight decades of artistic activity, continuity, exchange, and the ongoing development of art, as well as the network of members across all disciplines and generations.

Everyone is free to create a unique T-shirt. Technique and form of expression are completely open.

Requirements for Participation

All members of the Südtiroler Künstlerbund — as well as all interested creative individuals — are invited to participate.

Participation

Participation is confirmed by registering via email at info@kuenstlerbund.org, no later than May 30, 2026.

After registration, there are two possible ways to participate:

1. Individual Creation

- Starting from May 15, members may collect 1–2 T-shirts at SKB ARTES
- Free artistic realization
- Completed T-shirts must be returned no later than July 31, 2026

2. Digital Print

Alternatively, participants may submit 1–2 designs in PDF format, which will be digitally printed on the front of the T-shirt.

Technical requirements:

- Format: max. 25 × 20 cm
- Print position: centered on the front
- Submission deadline: May 30, 2026
- Printing will be organized by SKB through a local print shop

T-shirt

Short-sleeved T-shirts produced by a local company, made from 100% sustainable organic cotton with side seams.

Available sizes per color:

- S – 10 pieces
- M – 15 pieces
- L – 15 pieces
- XL – 10 pieces

Colors

The T-shirts are available in the following colors:



*Royal Blue, Fresh Mint, Navy, Forest Green
White, Dusty Pink, Rust, Mustard*

Preferences regarding colors and sizes can be taken into account while supplies last.

Presentation

Date: August 29, 2026 at SKB Artes, on the occasion of the anniversary of the Südtiroler Künstlerbund.

According to its founding charter, the Südtiroler Künstlerbund was established on August 22, 1946.

All created T-shirts will be brought together by the curator as part of the artists' celebration in a large-scale spatial installation. The exhibition structure itself will form an immersive, walkable Gesamtkunstwerk.



Price

4 × €800

Four artists will each receive a prize of €800.

Selection Process:

The winners will be selected through a vote among the participants. Each participant will receive three votes, which may be assigned to three different T-shirts. Voting for one's own work is not permitted. The voting will take place during the artists' celebration. All created T-shirts will be exhibited in the space and can be viewed by all participants. During the evening, the members present will cast their votes. The eight works receiving the highest number of votes will be announced as winners during the celebration.

Giving and Receiving in the Spirit of Community

An association is a voluntary community of people who come together to pursue shared interests, goals, or activities. This project is consciously conceived as an expression of giving and receiving within an artistic community. Its aim is to invite as many people as possible to participate and to make the collective energy of the association visible. For this reason, no individual compensation is provided for the submitted contributions. Instead, the focus lies on the idea of communal exchange: each participant has the opportunity to be selected as one of the eight prize-winning positions. Equally valuable, however, is the possibility of receiving a T-shirt created by a fellow participant. In this way, a cycle of giving, receiving, and sharing emerges, making the Südtiroler Künstlerbund visible as a supportive community and strengthening exchange among its members.

At the end of the artists' celebration, the created T-shirts will be gifted or exchanged with the audience. In this way, the works consciously leave the exhibition space and continue to exist as wearable art in everyday life.

The act of gifting and exchanging thus becomes part of the artistic action itself: art circulates not through sale, but through encounter, transmission, and shared exchange.

Artists' Celebration in Eight Disciplines

The eight-hour artists' celebration will be accompanied by a diverse program featuring:

- Spatial installations
- Performances
- Readings

- Music
- Conversations
- Dance
- Celebration
- Culinary offerings

The Künstlerbund space will be transformed into an open place of production and encounter for contemporary art.