

## Gallery Weekend Berlin 2014

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Gallery Weekend Berlin, May 2-4, 2014, most shows remain open into June

Fifty galleries joined forces for the 10<sup>th</sup> edition of the Berlin Gallery Weekend and opened new exhibitions on Friday night to stay open all weekend. As a consequence all art institutions in Berlin opened doors to profit from the extra traffic in town. A tour through this year's edition proves that the gallery weekend is a success and Berlin can stop lamenting that it lost it's art fair, since it doesn't need one anymore. There are good shows, there are all kinds of events and there are visitors. Instead of walking through an art supermarket, the gallery weekend offers the chance to see real exhibitions, with the specifics of the gallery space involved and also the city becomes part of the experience, while moving through Berlins different neighborhoods.



Isaac Julien at Sammlung Wemhöner

A nice surprise in the side programs was an artist talk with Isaac Julien in the temporary showroom of the collector Wemhöner, in the Osram Höfe in Wedding. The London based artist commented on his latest work 'Playtime' and his interest in the speed of life, as it is defining our days, for instance in split second stock market trade. His movie developed against the background of the bank crisis in 2008 and touches on the way the financial system shapes the lives of people and can imprison them or make lonely.