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### NINA LAAF & NINA RÖDER SHADES OF SHAPE

Opening                    Thursday, 6 March, 6 — 9 pm  
Exhibition                6 March — 19 April 2025

As part of the EMOP, the exhibition SHADES OF SHAPE brings together, for the first time, works by Nina Laaf and Nina Röder.

With a keen eye for form and materiality, both artists engage with what lies beneath the surface. In her photographic series *Darkness in Which I Swim*, Nina Röder explores life beneath the ocean. Although marine creatures such as algae and octopuses are ecologically essential to our existence, they are often perceived as unsettling. Röder highlights their aesthetic qualities by integrating them into performative interactions or illuminating their cognitive abilities. Nina Laaf focuses on the texture and boundaries of different surfaces. She stages and explores their shapes and properties, questioning and sometimes reversing them. These hybridizations create an ambiguity that challenges both the creative process and the materiality itself. Both positions bring together various dimensions through their unique language of form and image, creating a dialog that encourages reflective and comparative thinking on the relationship between humans, nature, and materials.

Nina Laaf (\*1977 in Hilden) completed her master's degree at the State Academy of Fine Arts Karlsruhe under Prof. Harald Klingelhöller in 2017. In 2018, the artist received the Hanna Nagel Prize Karlsruhe and was a scholarship holder at the Cité Internationale Des Arts Paris in 2019. Nina Laaf lives and works in Karlsruhe.

Nina Röder (\*1983 in Neuendettelsau) studied Media Art and Design from 2006 – 2009 with a focus on photography at the Bauhaus University in Weimar. Since 2017, she has been a professor of photography at the European University of Applied Sciences in Hamburg. In addition to her artistic work, Röder completed a doctorate in the field of artistic research. She lives and works in Berlin and Hamburg.

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Opening hours: Thursday – Friday 12 – 6 pm, Saturday 12 – 4 pm and by appointment