

PRESS RELEASE

The opening of the exhibition *BioMedia. The Age of Media with Life-like Behavior* has been postponed to December 18, 2021. The reason is supply chain bottlenecks affecting delivery of the construction material for the exhibition.

The ZKM | Center for Art and Media Karlsruhe has postponed the opening of the exhibition BioMedia. The Age of Media with Life-like Behavior to December 18, 2021, and is moving the opening address by an entity and the AI-powered performance Fantasie #4 by Quadrature to the livestream. The reason for the postponement is the shortage of material for setting up the exhibition. Visitors are invited to visit the exhibition at the ZKM where the 2G rule (vaccinated or recovered from COVID) applies. On the opening weekend – Saturday and Sunday (18.+19.12.2021) – admission is free.

Now the reality of supply shortages is also hitting exhibitions. The ZKM has to postpone the opening of an upcoming exhibition because the delivery of material needed for its construction has been delayed. Martin Mangold, head of museum technology at the ZKM, described the situation as follows: *“Setting up an exhibition has a very long planning time, often a year or even longer. At the moment, we are constantly readjusting our planning because the material for the exhibition architecture and the monitors in particular are not being delivered on time.”* Due to this situation, it is not possible to keep the opening date of December 3. The exhibition will now open on Saturday, December 18, 2021.

Peter Weibel, artistic director of the ZKM, said: *“I cannot ever remember having to postpone an opening due to lack of material. But the supply chain bottlenecks are just one effect of the COVID pandemic. In view of the currently high infection rate, the opening itself will be without any large gathering of people. We humans are obliged to leave the stage to the media with life-like behavior.”*

The ZKM continues to keep all its exhibitions open to visitors under the 2G rule (vaccinated or recovered from COVID). On the weekend of December 18 and 19, admission to the new exhibition is free.

BioMedia. The Age of Media with Life-like Behavior
18.12.2021–28.08.2022 // ZKM Atria 8+9, Ground Floor

Press tour: Wednesday 15.12.2021 starting at 11 am CEST.
Registration: presse@zkm.de

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Exhibition *BioMedia. The Age of Media with Life-like Behavior*Exhibition opening
Sat, 18.12.2021, 6 pm CESTDuration of the exhibition
Sat, 18.12.21–Sun, 28.08.22Location
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