

Dear All,

The Social Diversity Department of the Municipality of Wrocław, Wrocław City Museum, and the curatorial team, led by Joanna Ostrowska, whose members are Ewa Pluta, Tomasz Łukasz Nowak, Joanna Hytrek-Hryciuk, Krzysztof Tomasik, and Piotr Laskowski, invite you to the exhibition:

‘Recovered Stories. Queer in Lower Silesia’

Henryk Tomaszewski Museum of Theatre, pl Wolności 7A, Wrocław

The exhibition initiates the process of queering the history of Lower Silesia – recovering fragments that for decades remained in the shadows. It tells the story of queer life between 1871–1990+, from persecution and silence, to the creation of communities the challenging of gender boundaries and the preserving of alternative memories. The year 1945 becomes in this narrative both an ending and a beginning of new queer stories – from the German past, through the memory of the Eastern Borderlands of Poland, to the experience of the ‘new’ communist reality.

Programme of events:

15.10.2025

18:00–19:30 – exhibition opening and lecture by Raimund Wolfert ‘On the lives of “true friends” in Wrocław in the 1920s and 1930s. In search of traces of the LGBTIQ/ /community in the city’s history’/* (the lecture will be interpreted into Polish and Polish Sign Language).

19.10.2025

12:00–13:30 – curatorial tour of the main exhibition at the Henryk Tomaszewski Museum of Theatre. Led by Małgorzata Bruder.

26.10.2025

12:00–13:30 – curatorial tour of the exhibition /‘Recovered Stories. Queer in Lower Silesia’/. Led by Ewa Pluta.

27.10.2025

11:00–11:30 – laying of the memorial stone for Friedrich Poguntke, 125 Jedności Narodowej St.

12:00–12:50 – curatorial tour of the exhibition /‘Recovered Stories. Queer in Lower Silesia’/. Led by Dr. Joanna Ostrowska, Henryk Tomaszewski Museum of Theatre.

13:30–14:30 – laying of the memorial stone for Egbert Kipke, 22 Wiśniowa Ave.

09.11.2025

12:00–13:30 – curatorial tour /‘Wrocław – a total regime’/. A local history of the takeover of power and of the different spheres of life – first by the Nazi regime, then by communist authorities. Led by Dr. Joanna Hytrek-Hryciuk.

13.11.2025

17:00–19:00 – meeting with witnesses: ETAP 2 (LGBT+ seniors group) – discussion about the past and the future. Led by Ewa Pluta, Henryk Tomaszewski Museum of Theatre.

16.11.2025

12:00–13:30 – curatorial tour of the exhibition /‘Recovered Stories. Queer in Lower Silesia’/. Led by Ewa Pluta, Henryk Tomaszewski Museum of Theatre (Polish Sign Language interpretation provided).

20.11.2025

17:00–18:30 – curatorial tour /‘Language of concealment or expression? Queer coding’/. Led by: Dr. Tomasz Łukasz Nowak.

30.11.2025

16:00–18:00 – exhibition finissage. Led by: Dr. Joanna Ostrowska. Following the event, there will be an opportunity to have signed the curator's latest book, /Traces. The History of an Archive/ (published by Krytyka Polityczna Publishing House).

Wrocław Queerstory Days 2025 is an event open to all interested. We invite you to jointly discover and co-create the queer history of Wrocław and Lower Silesia!

Admission to events accompanying the exhibition is free.

Registration is required for guided tours and the meeting with witnesses at: *teatrka@mmw.pl*

Detailed information on museum opening hours and ticket prices is available at:

[_https://muzeum.miejskie.wroclaw.pl/shop-search/_](https://muzeum.miejskie.wroclaw.pl/shop-search/) <<https://muzeum.miejskie.wroclaw.pl/shop-search/>>

The exhibition presents an important, though at times difficult, fragment of the history of Lower Silesia. Therefore, it includes sensitive content: the Holocaust, death of a loved one (including suicide), war, violence, discrimination on the basis of religion, class, sexual orientation, gender identity; intimate/sexual relations, interrogation by security services, arrest. Entry for minors should be subject to the decision of their guardians.

Organizers: Social Diversity Department, Municipality of Wrocław; Wrocław City Museum.

Exhibition partners: QueerMuzeum Warszawa; Culture of Equality Association; Documentary and Feature Film Studios (WFDiF); National Film Archive - Audiovisual Institute.

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Best regards,

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