

Press Release

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Directors of the Film and Media Arts Section of the Akademie der Künste newly elected

In its General Assembly last weekend (8–10 November) in Berlin, the members of the Akademie der Künste elected **Helke Misselwitz** as the new Director of the Film and Media Arts Section and **Peter Badel** as the Section's new Deputy Director.

The Section had postponed the election in May. All other Sections filled their positions in the Senate in the spring general assembly (see press release of 25 May 2024: [press release](#)).

Film director Helke Misselwitz had been Deputy Director of the section since 2018 and now succeeds Thomas Heise, who passed away in late May of this year. Cameraman Peter Badel is a new addition to the Senate of the Akademie der Künste.

More information about Helke Misselwitz is available [here](#).

For more information on Peter Badel, see [here](#).

The Directors and Deputy Directors of the six Sections – Fine Arts, Architecture, Music, Literature, Performing Arts and Film and Media Arts – together with the President and Vice-President, form the Senate of the Akademie der Künste, the institution's governing and decision-making organ. All offices are held for a three-year term in an honorary capacity.

The Sections of the Akademie der Künste are represented in the Senate by the following members:

Visual Arts Section: **Karin Sander** (Director) and **Arnold Dreyblatt** (Deputy Director)

Architecture Section: **HG Merz** (Director) and **Regine Keller** (Deputy Director)

Music Section: **Carola Bauckholt** (Director) and **Iris ter Schiphorst** (Deputy Director)

Literature Section: **Kerstin Hensel** (Director) and **Cécile Wajsbrot** (Deputy Director)

Performing Arts Section: **Nele Hertling** (Director), **Mark Lammert** (Deputy Director)

Film and Media Arts: **Helke Misselwitz** (Director), **Peter Badel** (Deputy Director)

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