



MENSCH - KOHLE – STAHL

MAN – COAL - STEEL

A performance symbolizing the structural changes of the European Capital of Culture

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Summary of event

A performance as part of the "Local Heroes" events for the European Capital of Culture, Ruhr 2010.

An Art-fire spectacle entitled "MENSCH-KOHLE-STAHL" ("MEN - COAL - STEEL").

The central part of the production for RUHR 2010 are three fire-sculptures "MAN - COAL - STEEL" and a performance by the artist group "Stahl Fatal", symbolizing that the structural change in the region using scrap parts, rain barrels, sewer pipes and poles to create rhythms in conjunction with art pyrotechnics.

The European Capital of Culture, RUHR2010

The Ruhr, representing 53 cities and 5.3 million inhabitants is the European Capital of Culture in 2010. Located in the heart of Europe, the region is the third largest urban agglomeration in Western Europe and is proudly presenting its unique cultural heritage and the change it is undergoing to a larger international audience. The Ruhr was dominated by the coal and steel industry for more than a century, but has now successfully transformed itself into an attractive and dynamic polycentric metropolis, defined by its cultural diversity, growing creative and service sectors, internationally renowned cultural facilities, spectacular industrial monuments and a huge variety of recreation areas

Local Heroes

Through the "Local Heroes" project, every town and city in the Ruhr Metropolis will, for one week, take centre stage in the European Capital of Culture. Each of the towns will be independently responsible for their programme and will present their own cultural spectrum ranging from local roots to metropolitan challenges and the European dimension.

Details of Local Heroes - Marl

Collaboration for the event is between: the artists of the performance group "Kunst im Stern", the advertising community Marler Stern and the event management and promotion agency Stamm & Belz.

Three sculptures have been created for the *Forumsplatz* on the subjects MENSCH - KOHLE - STAHL; these are mounted on metal pedestals and have the following dimensions:

MENSCH: H = approximately 2.50 m / B = about 9.50 m, material: steel

KOHLE: H = approximately 2.50 m / B = about 7.20 m, material: wood

STAHL: H = approximately 2.50 m / B = about 6.30 m, material: Wood

MENSCH (MAN) is written on the front and back of each letter in the languages of the sister cities of Marl as well as China (Cooperation – Marl/China).

The Sister Cities of Marl are:

- Creil, France
- Herzlia, Israel
- Bitterfeld, Saxony-Anhalt
- Pendle, England
- Zalaegerszeg, Hungary
- Kusadasi, Turkey

Istanbul (Turkey) and Pécs (Hungary) are also Capitals of Culture 2010

The entire exercise will be recorded as a documentary in photo and film.

Estimated itinerary:

20:30 - Didgeridoo performance

21:00 - 21:15 - Welcoming the audience

21:15 - 21:25 - Skating race of the nations (30 competitors)
Choreography: Elke Roehlig (VFL Huels)

21:25 - 21:36 - International Children's Choir (approximately 200 performers)
Conductor: Andrea gown
Song 1: Everybody Loves Saturday Night
Song 2: To Everyone In All The World
Song 3: All Together Singing

21:36 - 22:00 - Performance by the group **Stahl Fatal**

1. Marching with drums, silver aluminum, large cars, thunder sheets and scrap parts. Taking the audience with them, two rhythms will be made on steel drums and other equipment - pure rhythm! Vibrating tubes are used to create the ringing of bells.
2. During the rhythmic musical accompaniment by **Stahl Fatal** the three sculptures will be lit on fire in a spectacular show.
3. Chaos ensues with a circle of fire torches, a fire ritual accompanied by the ringing of metal tubes, fire wagon and fire juggling, then three more power-rhythms. The sculptures KOHLE and STAHL will burn down completely to symbolize the structural change in the Ruhr area. The sculpture MENSCH will remain although for a few moments it seems to burn down too.

22:00 - Conclusion with music by Herbert Grönemeyer Ruhr 2010 with the anthem "Come to the Ruhr"

22:30 Opening of the exhibition MENSCH - KOHLE - STAHL the artist group "**Kunst im Stern**" and guest artists. .

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Following the exhibition MENSCH – KOHLE - STAHL approximately ten exhibits will be auctioned for charity.

Links

Stahl Fatal performance group information - www.stahlfatal.de

Further press information for **Mensch-Kohle-Stahl** - www.mensch-kohle-stahl.de