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## NEWS

### **STEPHAN ERFURT WAS AWARDED THE ORDER OF MERIT OF THE FEDERAL REPUBLIC OF GERMANY FIRST CLASS**

**Stephan Erfurt**, CEO of C/O Berlin, was awarded the **Order of Merit of the Federal Republic of Germany First Class** by Claudia Roth, State Minister of Culture and Media, in a festive ceremony on **April 9, 2024**.

Claudia Roth, State Minister of Culture and Media, declared, „Today’s recipients of the Order of Merit of the Federal Republic of Germany share their commitment to improving our country, our society, and our democracy. They all share a vision of uniting politics and civil society with culture—and they also implement it! By doing so, they help make our society fairer, more open, and more sustainable. This is why the recipients are important role models for the people in our country—especially creative people who invest so much passion.“

The conferment of this great distinction was announced in November 2023 by German President Frank-Walter Steinmeier. Stephan Erfurt was chosen for this accolade due to his outstanding accomplishments on behalf of the Federal Republic of Germany. In 2009 he was granted the Medal of Merit of the Federal Republic of Germany in recognition of his longtime commitment and his personal dedication to creating a significant organization for photography that is deeply rooted in the cultural life of Berlin and serves a broad audience.

The statement on this new merit award emphasizes Erfurt’s continuous dedication and his personal willingness to take risks in the interest of achieving the lasting international success and excellent reputation of C/O Berlin.

In a first statement on this honorable distinction, Stephan Erfurt expressed his gratitude in the name of his team: „This award is not only a personal honor for me; most of all it acknowledges the extraordinary commitment of our entire team for the past twenty-four years. The expertise of our team, paired with passion, openness, and curiosity, is what made this success possible in the first place.“

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### Opening Hours

Daily . 11:00–20:00

### Admission

12/6 euro

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