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In the air: Launching Program

Philippines as Guest of Honour at the Frankfurter Buchmesse 2025

October 24 – 27, 2024 / Heidelberg and Wilhelmsfeld, Germany

To draw attention to the Philippines as the Guest of Honour at the 2025 Frankfurter Buchmesse, a dynamic 4-day literary program and performances called *In the air* will take place in Heidelberg and Wilhelmsfeld.

The program will explore Jose Rizal's impact as a hero, writer, and thinker who inspired many Filipinos, and how his interactions with Germany shaped his work and ideas. It will also look at Rizal's experiences with both home and exile, and how these experiences contributed to international solidarity in Southeast Asia during the 19th and 20th centuries, as well as their relevance to the current Philippine diaspora.

Most of all the program provides an in-depth experience of the cultural and historical ties between the Philippines and Germany as we begin our journey to the Guest of Honour role in 2025.

The program invites you to inspiring dialogues between Filipino and German authors, to concerts by first-class Filipino artists and to a walk in the footsteps of Jose Rizal through Heidelberg. A performance tableau in Wilhelmsfeld traces the legacy of Jose Rizal and his footsteps from 1886, thereby also tracing the cultural connection between the Philippines and Germany.

Presenters and partners: National Commission for Culture and the Arts (NCCA), National Book Development Board (NBDB), Department of Foreign Affairs (DFA), and the Office of Senator Loren Legarda

In partnership with: Talking Heads e. V., Verlag das Wunderhorn, Völkermuseum-Heidelberg, Municipality of Wilhelmsfeld

Press accreditation: www.artefakt-berlin.de

All events are FREE to the Public.

For the public audience:

To participate in all activities, please email PhlGoHFBM2025@gmail.com

To reserve a seat for Talking Heads, email info@talkingheads.live



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Date / Time	Location	Program
Thursday, October 24, 2024		
18:00 – 20:00	Palais Prinz Carl (Town Hall), Kornmarkt 1, 69117 Heidelberg	<p>Filipino and German Writers' Fellowship</p> <p>A select group of distinguished Filipino and German authors as they come together at Palais Prinz Carl in Heidelberg to engage the participants in conversation and presentation of their works, marking the opening of the 4-day Launching Program.</p> <p>In partnership with Verlag das Wunderhorn, City of Heidelberg</p> <p>With: Luna Sicat Cleto, Sarge Lacuesta, Edgar Calabia Samar, Philipp Herold and Marion Tauschwitz</p>
Friday, October 25, 2024		
15:00 – 17:00	Heidelberg Meeting Point: Universitätsplatz (Grabengasse 12)	<p>Lakbay Rizal: A Walk Through History</p> <p>An engaging walking tour led by Filipino historian Ambeth Ocampo as he takes the participants through the streets of Heidelberg, Germany retracing the footsteps of Dr. Jose Rizal when he was specializing in Ophthalmology at the University of Heidelberg.</p> <p>Stops: 1. Universitätsplatz (Grabengasse 12), 2. Karlsstraße 16, 3. Obere Neckarstraße 11, 4. Bergheimer Straße 20, 5. Rizal Ufer</p>
19:00 – 21:00	Völkerkundemuseum Heidelberg, Hauptstraße 235, 69117 Heidelberg	<p>Talking Heads #4: Art and Science Show with Jonas Grethlein and Miljohn Ruperto</p> <p>Talking Heads stimulates collaboration and exchange between artists and scholars and aims to make it more playful, exciting and fruitful. Talking Heads highlights the potential and connecting points Heidelberg can offer, especially for contemporary artists, and in turn, the great potential that the confrontation with new positions in contemporary art offers scholars for their research and thinking.</p> <p>Talking Heads is hybrid format allowing deep engagement with the participants' work, and providing time and space for thought, inquiry, and discovery.</p> <p>Presented by Talking Heads e. V. in partnership with Völkerkundemuseum Heidelberg</p> <p>Reserve a seat: info@talkingheadslive.de</p>



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Saturday, October 26, 2024		
10:00 - 12:00	Heidelberg Meeting Point: Universitätsplatz (Grabengasse 12)	Lakbay Rizal: A Walk Through History An engaging walking tour led by Filipino historian Ambeth Ocampo as he takes the participants through the streets of Heidelberg, Germany retracing the footsteps of Dr. Jose Rizal when he was specializing in Ophthalmology at the University of Heidelberg. Stops: 1. Universitätsplatz (Grabengasse 12), 2. Karlsstraße 16, 3. Obere Neckarstraße 11, 4. Bergheimer Straße 20, 5. Rizal Ufer
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11:00 – 13:00	Völkerkundemuseum Heidelberg, Hauptstraße 235, 69117 Heidelberg	With Specters Artists’ talk by Joscha Steffens and Stephanie Misa Learn more about the works in progress of Joscha Steffens and Stephanie Misa as they speak about their collaborative exhibition inspired by Dr. Jose Rizal’s time in Heidelberg while studying ophthalmology. Slated for Kunstverein-Heidelberg in 2025, their exhibit will feature film and installation that explore the significance of the “Augenspiegel”, an early ophthalmoscope, which Rizal used to study his mother’s cataracts. In partnership with Völkerkundemuseum Heidelberg
15:00 – 17:00	Völkerkundemuseum Garden, Heidelberg, Hauptstraße 235, 69117 Heidelberg	In the air: Launching Program Philippines as Guest of Honour at the Frankfurter Buchmesse 2025 A program of inspiring messages by PhlGoH stakeholders and performances of Filipino artists that officially launches the Philippines as Guest of Honour at the Frankfurter Buchmesse in 2025. In partnership with Völkerkundemuseum Heidelberg
19:00 – 20:15	Evangelische Kapellengemeinde, Heidelberg, Plöck 49, 69117 Heidelberg	Kalanganan* - Let us gather and sing! A concert that presents a diverse repertoire of Filipino music featuring the world-renowned <i>The Philippine Madrigal Singers</i> and the indigenous music of Waway and The Talaandig Republic. <i>*Kalanganan is an important gathering among the Talaandig people of Bukidnon in Southern Philippines that involves playing of indigenous music and instruments, weaving, chanting of Ulaging epic, and performing traditional practices.</i>



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Sunday, October 27, 2024		
10:00 - 16:00	Meeting Point: Jose-Rizal-Park, Wilhelmsfeld	<i>Pumpon ng Gunita (Bouquet of Reminiscences)</i> A two-part program consisting of a performance-tableau, talks and conversations on Jose Rizal, punctuated with Filipino music and poetry.
	Destination: Ullmer House, Wilhelmsfeld, Jose-Rizal-Straße 17, 69259 Wilhelmsfeld	<i>Lebendes Bild (10:00 – 12:00)</i> Experience an evocative performance-tableau set in Wilhelmsfeld depicting scenes from Rizal's <i>Noli Me Tangere</i> and dramatizing his correspondences with his closest friend Ferdinand Blumentritt and to his family. It culminates in Pastor Karl Ullmer house (vicarage) where Rizal lived for three months in 1886.
		<i>The Tertulia (14:00 – 16:00)</i> Engaging talks by German and European scholars, artists, and authors whose works focus on Jose Rizal. The discussions will be interwoven with captivating performances of Filipino music and poetry. In partnership with Municipality of Wilhelmsfeld and Church Council and Pastoral Council of Wilhelmsfeld

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