

PLANT FLOWERS AND TREES – Part II

The Beuys Banner Flight Project For New York City, International Earth Day, April 22, 2025

Action by Michael Klant • Sequel to Part I: Art Flight over Kassel



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A FLYING CALL FOR GLOBAL PEACE, UNDERSTANDING AND CLIMATE ACTION

Turn your gaze skywards over New York Harbor and the Hudson River along Manhattan Island on the afternoon of April 22, 2025 between 4 and 5 pm, and you'll experience a fascinating art performance in the form of a small plane towing a banner with a message as simple as it is essential: PLANT FLOWERS AND TREES. Hold your gaze and you'll see the single, interlinked letters subtly change their hue from bright white to various soft and dark shades of gray, depending on the angle of the sun.

Conceived by German artist Michael Klant, the performance is the latest in a series of banner flights dating back to 1999 and including venues in the United States, Italy, France, Spain, Austria, and Germany. As varied as their venues, Klant's flight projects include translocations of giant hand painted sky pieces from one country to another and flying phrases on fleeting phenomena such as time, happiness, and memory.

Klant's plan for New York City is Part II of a bilateral art flight project he launched two and a half years ago for the »7000 Oaks Foundation« in the documenta city of Kassel, Germany. It was here that the famous artist Joseph Beuys created his legendary oak planting campaign for documenta 7 in 1982. To Beuys' call to plant trees, Klant has added a call to plant flowers. This ephemeral yet emphatic appeal stands for the essential goods peace, security, and an intact, nurturing environment.

The flight path passes by the Chelsea Gallery District, where Beuys' idea has already borne fruit in the form of oaks and other trees planted by the Dia Art Foundation. »Trees and flowers are needed now more than ever as a symbol of an integral ecology of peace,« explains Klant. The banner will also circle Liberty Island, underscoring the important message it carries.

Supported by several cultural institutions, the project will take place at the invitation of the Department of Art & Art History at Hunter College, The City University of New York, and is partly funded through the Sainsbury Initiative and the Office of the Arts.



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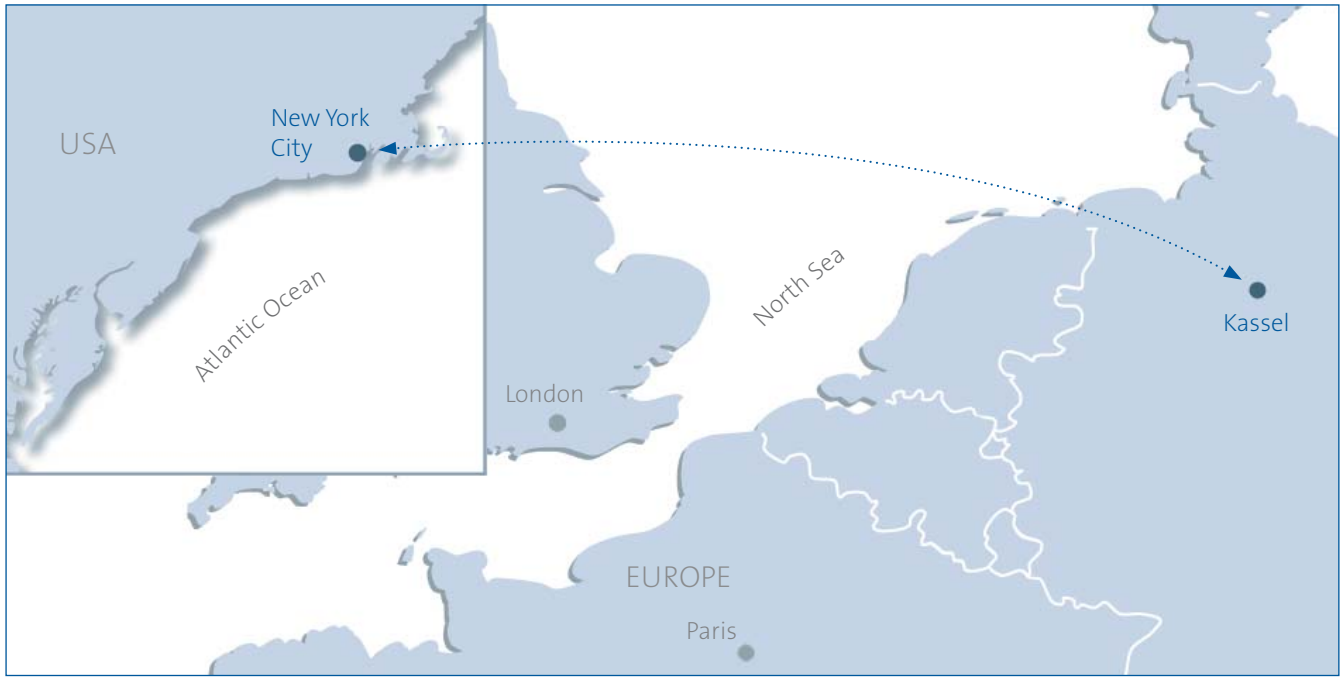
Corresponding Action to Part I: Art Flight over Kassel 2022

- Planned date Tuesday, April 22, 2025, International »Earth Day«, 4–5 pm. • In the case of a postponement due to the weather on the next possible day
- Banner composed of 20 white custom-made interlinked single letters (7' x 80')
- Inspired by Joseph Beuys' »7000 Oaks« project for documenta 7/1982 in Kassel, Germany
- Complemented by flowers, symbols of peace
- Action recalling the flight for the »7000 Oaks Foundation« in Kassel on UN International Day of Peace in 2022 during »documenta 15«
- In respect of the continuation of Beuys' tree project by Dia Art Foundation in Chelsea, NYC
- Altitude over Hudson River and distance to the piers and Liberty Island 500 feet
- Best View Points Hudson River Park, Battery Park, Liberty State Park, Liberty Island, Lincoln Harbor, etc.
- Flight Execution High Exposure, Inc.
- Climate-neutral through CO2 compensation

Planned flight path



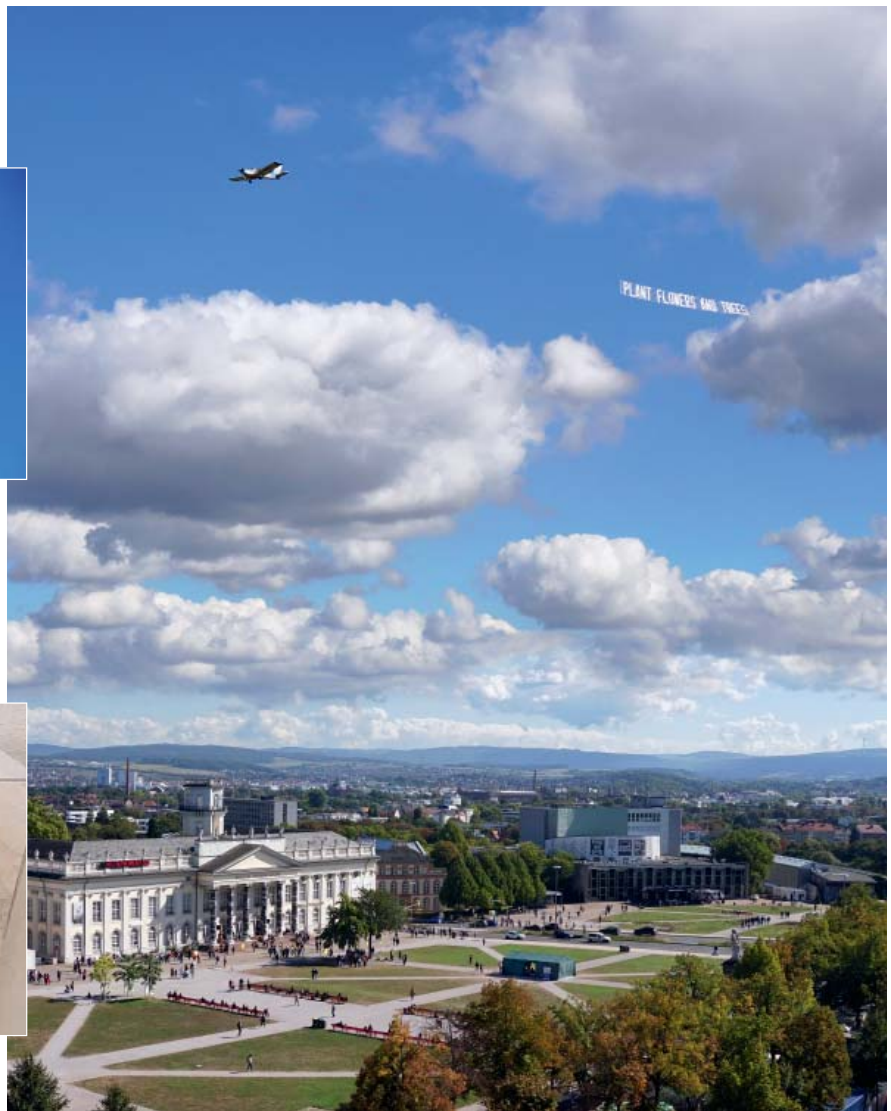
View over Hudson River towards Manhattan



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 Homage to Joseph Beuys, Kassel 2022



Part I: Banner Flight Action over Kassel on
 Sept. 21, 2022 (UN International Day of Peace)
 Flight over Friedrichsplatz, Kassel
 Pilot: Capt. Heiner Bredhorst
 Patronage: 7000 Oaks Foundation



White 7-foot letters, rolled up and placed in
 an acrylic glass display