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SAVE HUMBUG: UPDATE

Dear readers, dear friends

We have been moved by the many messages of encouragement and support and are once again full of hope - the necessary strength we need to keep going!

Thanks to you, we were able to reach CHF 5'500 in contributions! Our heartfelt gratitude for this <3

We would like to take this moment to update and further specify:
This great grassroots support has already raised 1/10 of the amount needed!

We currently have 10 weeks left to raise a mid five-digit amount until the end of September to pay off the debts that have so far prevented us from qualifying for funding through state institutions.

The resulting cut in debt and subsequent option to submit applications for funding will enable us to cover the prospective costs of running Humbug and run it sustainably.

Those of you who know about the important "Trinkgeld" initiative and the associated financial support for clubs and alternative venues, a visionary project of the Basel area, may have wondered why we are now knocking on your door with our call for help.

As much as we hope that this initiative will soon be implemented and are thankful for the important informational and awareness-raising work that has been done in this context, it is also already certain, that it would come too late for us.

The money is needed acutely so that the Humbug collective can cover rent and living costs and thus continue to work!

Once again we would like to emphasize:
Non-commercial culture cannot sustain itself.

Equally:

An "alternative" or subcultural programming cannot sustain itself from ticket or bar revenues alone, without the costs being passed on to the audience, staff or via low or no fees to the artists.

We also demand that cultural production as well as cultural workers be taken seriously and compensated appropriately across all sectors!

It is further important to us to emphasise again that we do not want this call to be understood as a prioritisation from our end.

We seek a broader debate about what culture and those who create it are worth to all of us.

With this update, we hoped to clarify potential questions and give a clearer picture of the dimensions.

So, there is still a lot ahead of us and we would like to emphasise once again that any - really any! - form of support strengthens us to continue.

You would like to help us in other ways? We have a couple of ideas:

- Share, Share, Share!

"Sharing is caring" is always the right thing to do: let those around you know, share the story, talk to your relatives and friends.

- Get to know us!

Join us this Friday 07.07.23 from 20:00 onwards at our "RETTET DAS HUMBUG" Raffle-party and dance to the DJ-sets of the Humbug collective.

- Visit our events!

On Saturday 08.08.23 we invite you to join the legends of "A Place To Bury Strangers" to a PogoPit and headbang challenge, when the "loudest band in the world" plays the last concert before the summer break in Humbug! Support comes from Basel: Samuel Tschudin will present his guitar improvisation on Gong.

- Stay up to date!

...many exciting events from readings to parties await you after the summer break and will be published step-by-step throughout the summer months. Securing tickets is highly encouraged!

- Become friends of HUMBUG!

If you donated CHF 100 or more, you are already entitled to a membership in "Friends of Humbug" and will therefore attend events at the Hummel at even lower prices.

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