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**Venice**
**May 9 – November 22, 2026**
**International biennial contemporary art exhibition, Eighth Edition**
**Organised by:**
**European Cultural Centre Italy**

## Venice | Palazzo Bembo
## October 18 | November 22, 2026
## A Retrospective Celebrates Heinz Mack To Mark His 95th Birthday

**The European Cultural Centre Italy (ECC Italy) will honour the German artist, one of the founders of Group ZERO, with the ECC Award for Lifetime Achievement.**

**The exhibition, titled *Color in forma*, presents 30 paintings produced in the last decade and offers an in-depth look at the artist's most recent pictorial practice.**

**Curated by Marc Mack**

**From October 18 to November 22, 2026, Palazzo Bembo in Venice will host a retrospective dedicated to Heinz Mack (Lollar, Germany, 1931)**, in celebration of his 95th birthday. Heinz Mack founded Group ZERO in 1957, together with Otto Piene; he ranks among the most influential figures of the post-war international art scene.

The exhibition, titled ***Color in forma***, occupies the piano nobile of the historic palazzo overlooking the Grand Canal. Curated by **Marc Mack** and organised by the **European Cultural Centre Italy (ECC Italy)** in collaboration with the **Association for Art in Public Dirk Geuer, Düsseldorf**, the exhibition **features over 30 paintings** produced over the last decade by the German artist, offering an overview of his latest pictorial works.

The exhibition centres on the luminous colour compositions that have made Heinz Mack one of the most notable figures of the international art scene. Since the 1950s, his work has engaged with the fundamental elements **of light, movement, space and energy,** developing a language that bridges perception, matter, and the immaterial realm. In particular, the exhibition highlights the constant exploration of light and its relationship to rhythm, colour and spatial awareness. Even at the age of 95, the artist's work continues to stand out for its intellectual clarity, formal precision and extraordinary visual dynamism.

**The European Cultural Centre Italy (ECC Italy)** will present Heinz Mack with the **ECC Award for Lifetime Achievement,** honouring a career that has deeply influenced the development of contemporary art in the second half of the 20th century and his lasting contribution to international art history.

The prize is awarded to individuals whose work, over the decades, has established new and enduring benchmarks, inspiring generations of artists around the world. Previous recipients include internationally renowned artists such as **Yoko Ono** and **Hermann Nitsch.**

Heinz Mack has a longstanding and meaningful relationship with the city of Venice. Throughout his career, his work has established an intense dialogue with the uniqueness of the Venetian landscape, shaped by light and water, resonating with some of the essential themes in his artistic vision. The German artist has exhibited in Venice on numerous occasions, both at **the Venice Biennale** and in important cultural institutions throughout the city. Notably, he presented ***The Vibration of Light*** as a **Collateral Event of the 59th International Art Exhibition of La Biennale di Venezia** in the historic **Biblioteca Marciana** in Saint Mark's Square, one of the city's most prestigious cultural venues. His work is represented in the collection of the **Guggenheim Museum in Venice.**

Venice, August 2026

### Exhibition information

**Title:** *Heinz Mack. Color in forma*
**Curator:** Marc Mack
**Organised by:** Association for Art in Public Dirk Geuer, Düsseldorf
**Presented by:** European Cultural Centre Italy
**Where:** Palazzo Bembo, Riva del Carbon 4793, Venice
**Preview:** October 17, 2026, 5 pm, Palazzo Bembo
**Exhibition dates:** October 18 – November 22, 2026
**Opening Hours:** Daily 10 am – 6 pm, closed on Tuesdays
**Admission:** Free

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