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SCHNAUZE VOLL

Zu Hause in der Subkultur:
Von Gothic bis Burlesque

König der Wörter:
Der Schriftsteller und Musiker Max Goldt

Nein zum Hass:
Gemeinsam gegen Antisemitismus

Enfant terrible
des Deutschpop:
Max Goldt im
Jahr 1980

3.10. • 18:00+20:30
ANDREAS REBERS

3.+4.10. • 15:30
HORST EVERS

4.10. • 18:00+20:30
JOCHEN MALMSHEIMER

5.10. • 18:00+20:30
DER BLAUE MONTAG

DIE WÜHLMÄUSE
CORONA
EDITIONEN

75 Minuten ohne Pause und
unter Berücksichtigung der
aktuell geltenden Abstands-
und Hygieneregeln.

6.10. • 18:00+20:30
TIMO WOPP



8.10. / 18.10. • 18:00+20:30

FLORIAN SCHROEDER

9.+10.10. • 20:30
ALFONS



13.10. • 18:00+20:30

KAY RAY

14.+15.10. • 18:00+20:30
INGO APPELT



16.+17.10. / 23.+24.10. /
30.+31.10. • 18:00+20:30

MATHIAS RICHLING

17.10. / 24.10. • 15:30
FRANK LÜDECKE

19.10. • 18:00+20:30
JOSEF HADER

22.10. • 18:00+20:30
DAVE DAVIS

26.10. • 18:00+20:30
ARNULF RATING



27.10. • 18:00+20:30

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Democracy abroad

On November 3, Americans go to the polls to decide whether Donald Trump stays or goes as President of the United States: Michaela Dudley surveys three queer Americans here in Berlin about the state of the US election

There's so much at stake this time," says Carla Clarke about the looming vote.

"As a lesbian and a woman of color, I'm worried about the outcome at the polls this autumn," the artist readily admits. "Actually, it should be easy – Donald Trump has to be evicted from the White House. His corruption, his lying, his incompetence. And near 200,000 corona deaths."

Clarke is one of some 22,000 Americans living in Berlin and eagerly following the presidential campaign and upcoming election. For Clarke, it's a chance to "dump Trump". "All the things we fought for have been rolled back," Clarke laments. "Trump's praising armed MAGA loyalists, like that kid with the assault rifle in Wisconsin." Clarke's wife also carries a firearm – as a member of the National Guard, which has been activated in response to the demonstrations over the deaths of George Floyd and Breonna Taylor. "It's so bizarre. My spouse, a queer POC, is supposed to suppress peaceful Black Lives Matter protesters while Trump is encouraging violent white supremacists and purging the military of gay service members on top of it all."

Whereas Clarke will enthusiastically vote for Democratic candidate Joe Biden, her countryman Jeremy Osborne, 34, a Democrat from Arkansas, will decidedly not. Osborne, a translator for Deutsche Welle, explains in no uncertain terms: "I will not be browbeaten into stroking the hand of a candidate whose politics I don't support." Being an avid supporter of US Senator Bernie Sanders, who ran in the Democratic

primaries this past spring, Osborne identifies as a socialist. "Living in Europe has shown me that certain aspects of society, such as universal healthcare and free college, are not just pipe dreams." As for Biden's running mate Kamala Harris, he adds, "Picking a biracial woman with a rather authoritarian record as a prosecutor, when the country is on fire from riots over police brutality, was neither a wise nor particularly progressive decision." Osborne concedes that tough times are ahead. "Beyond the pandemic, there is also the issue of climate change, and the clock is ticking," he warns. "The tensions in the US over a failed social contract have finally reached critical mass, and I think riots are going to be a fixture of American life for the foreseeable future whether Trump wins again or not." According to San Francisco-native Powen Shiah, 37, "This year's election will shape the direction of the United States." Shiah volunteers as a media coordinator for Democrats Abroad focusing on queer outreach here in Berlin. "For LGBTTI* communities and other marginalized groups, the situation is critical. The past four years have seen policies removed that used to protect trans* students, mandated anti-discrimination in LGBTTI* healthcare, and many other areas. The deaths of trans* people of color – black trans women in particular – aren't taken seriously." In response, he and his colleagues from DA Germany simply urge their fellow citizens to vote. Who to vote for aside, all three of them seem adamant that it's time for Americans to take action.