



Dear Readers,

Thank you so much for tuning this month to our annual international issue. This month Barbara Rogers writes about the famous and hidden art museums of Stuttgart in Germany's southwestern state of Baden-Wuerttemberg as well as the colorful, story-filled tiles and designs of Monte Palace Tropical Gardens on Portugal's island of Madeira. Linda Cabasin brings alive a small but influential contemporary art museum, Kettle's Yard, in the university town of Cambridge, England. Diana Niles King writes about Kaatsbaan, which means 'playing field' in Dutch. Even though the art and dance center of Kaatsbaan is located in the Hudson Valley, it has a global repertoire so we included it in this issue. Plus the outdoor festival is fast approaching.

Americans are really excited to travel again and many of these arts organizations are destinations in and of themselves and speak volumes about the local life revealing history, artistry and the strength and power of local cultural organizations. One of the most interesting ways to travel is to absorb secondary towns and their artistic and design centers. These lesser-known places are filled with history and artistic excellence that showcase local artists and culture. Importantly cultural tourism can reinforce local identity and raise funds for preservation of historical places and enable insights into local cultures, products, traditions and output.

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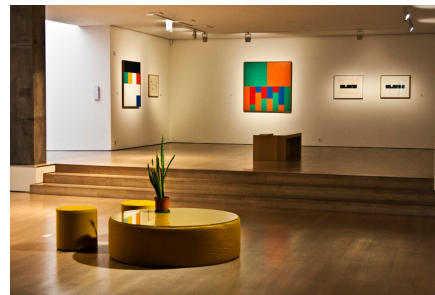
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## Stuttgart Museums for Art Lovers

By Barbara Radcliffe Rogers

Art is literally all around you in Stuttgart, Southwest Germany's largest city. The combination of four major art museums, more than a dozen galleries and one of Germany's largest and loveliest Baroque palaces are a testimony to Stuttgart's thriving art and culture scene.

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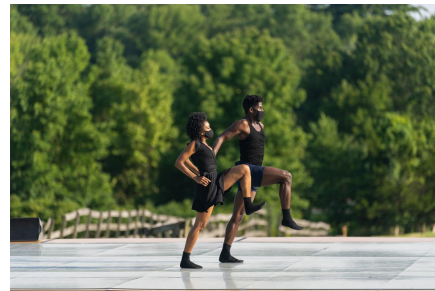
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## Fields are Alive with the Sound of Music, Dance & More at Kaatsbaan Festival

By Diana Niles King

Kaatsbaan's lush 153-acre campus in Tivoli will spring to life with an expansive, first time ever set of experiences from May 20-23rd and May 27-30th. The dynamic program of leading artists from the worlds of dance, music, poetry, sculpture and the culinary arts will bring original diversity.

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## Art as a Way of Life at Kettle's Yard

By Linda Cabasin

An inspirational gem near the heart of the historic city of Cambridge, England, Kettle's Yard is the University of Cambridge's modern and contemporary art gallery. It's also a place with a unique setting and origin. Kettle's Yard began in 1957 as the home and art collection of Jim and Helen Ede, mixing art, natural objects, and furnishings in intimate spaces that formed a balanced, artistic whole. [Read on](#)



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## Monte Palace Tropical Gardens: Madeira's Garden of Art

By Barbara Radcliffe Rogers

The island of Madeira is the tip of a massive volcano that rises from the ocean floor, 12,000 feet below. On the south coast, the mountains form an amphitheater around the capital of Funchal, the Island's only significant city. Nowhere in Funchal can you better appreciate both the dramatic terrain and the horticultural potential of this favored climate than in precipitous landscapes of Monte Palace Tropical Gardens. [Read on](#)



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