## Dear neighbors

many of you might have noticed some changes in and around the Olgazentrum and been wondering: what's going on there? What does all that mean for us, our children and other residents?

In short: The Olga Jugend- und Familienzentrum has moved to Schützenstrasse 16. The building Olgastraße 45 is going to be used as a cultural center called Kulturzentrum Maschinenfabrik - a brand-new meeting point for artists and everyone who's interested, as well as for you and your families.

We're opening with a clear purpose: We want to be good neighbors and an enrichment for the neighborhood. We want to breathe life into the building, the city's cultural scene and the neighborhood without causing any annoyance. That's why it's important to us, to have a dialog with you. We're looking forward to every idea and suggestion that you may have. We also have set up a Mailbox on which you can leave us a message 24/7 if you should be bothered by anything that has to do with us.

We can imagine that some of you might be worried that it could become noisier overall, or that your kids won't be able to meet their friends in our courtyard anymore. We promise that we take noise prevention very seriously. Noise-prevention-concepts are already in place for both concert and band rehearsal venues. In cooperation with the municipal office, noise-levels of an active rehearsal room have been measured. Judging by the results, there should be no impairment through volume. It could still be possible, that occasionally you're bothered by individual band rehearsals. In that case, please don't hesitate to contact us and we'll see where we can improve.

We are curious about our new neighborhood and would like to get to know you. That's why we want to invite you to the first public event - an art-exhibition called "Kunst in Zeiten der Pandemie - Extended" from July 31<sup>st</sup> to August 22<sup>nd</sup>. Please pay us a visit and let us treat you with a welcome drink! You can find more information on our exhibition on the flyer and on our homepage.

Our courtyard will change during the exhibition and can no longer be used as a football field. Attached to this letter, we've sent you an overview of the local football fields in case your kids are asking for alternative places to play football. However, the courtyard itself will remain a meeting point for the neighborhood. Graffiti can be sprayed legally on designated areas outside and we will offer workshops on a continued basis.

Indoors, we will offer workshops now and then as well, like rap workshops in our recording studio.

For a harmonic coexistence, please let your children know, that our courtyard can no longer be used after 10 p.m. due to noise protection, that everything they brought, such as bottles or packaging, they have to take with them when they leave, and that it's important be considerate of other occupants. We are sure that they will understand, and we look forward to a lively courtyard and every conversation with you and your children!

Your Maschinenfabrik-team

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