

Retrospective



With radiant sunshine, a fantastic workshop line-up, collaborative sketching, and many heartfelt encounters, the Symposium 2023 in Zurich became an unforgettable event. From September 7th to 9th, over 200 Urban Sketchers from near and far had the opportunity to explore and capture the beauty and diversity of the city together in sketches.

The Freies Gymnasium Zurich (FGZ) welcomed us with great hospitality as the central venue. The unusually warm late summer weather allowed all activities to take place outdoors. Many participants enjoyed a refreshing dip in Lake Zurich after the workshops. A special highlight was the aperitif on the first evening, where we gathered in front of the school, enjoying the fantastic live music by Katharina Busch and accompaniment. The Drink-and-Draw events in the evenings at Rosenhof and Bauschänzli provided additional opportunities to reflect on the eventful days together.

An eclectic program featuring 17 workshop instructors from eleven countries, along with the simultaneous Sketchcrawls distributed across Seefeld and the city center, created the perfect backdrop for inspiring sketches and a creative exchange with old and new acquaintances. After a large public Sketchcrawl on Sechseläutenplatz on Saturday, the symposium concluded with another aperitif at FGZ. A significant sketchbook exhibition was just as indispensable as the popular silent sketch auction.



THE SYMPOSIUM IN NUMBERS

3

Days

34

Workshops

15

Demos

5

Sketchcrawls

120

Workshop passes

50

Sketch passes

17

Workshop instructors

14

Volunteers

8

Core Team members

30+

Hours of sunshine

THE CONCEPT

Back to basics: only 2 passes



Workshop pass

- 3 Workshops
- 1 Demo



Sketch pass

- 2 Demos



For the first time a predominantly international line-up

- 11 English-speaking workshop instructors
- from 10 countries



Venue

- Freies Gymnasium Zürich
- Workshop locations in Seefeld and the city center



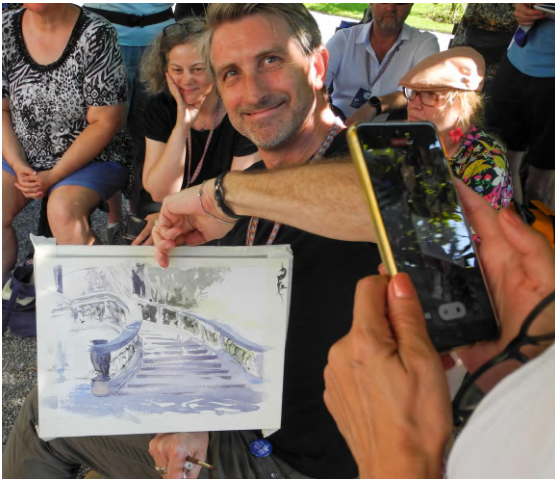
Number of sketch passes almost doubled

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More photos and sketches: <https://www.instagram.com/explore/tags/uskzurich2023/>

5. SWISS URBAN SKETCHERS SYMPOSIUM

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