

EXC 2020 »Temporal Communities«



## »Dies und Das. Black Surrealist Temporalities in Divided Berlin 1984«

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*Dies und Das* was a completely informal magazine of late surrealism created by African-American jazz poet, artist and surrealist Ted Joans in West Berlin and published in a single issue in 1984. This veritable work of art, at the same time precarious in its making, reflects on divided Berlin alongside issues of Black cultures, feminism, bestiaries and, of course, surrealism. Ted Joans is concerned in his magazine with playful but efficient forms of overcoming a multitude of social walls through subversive aesthetic means. For the artist, the Berlin Wall forms a surreal setting that he systematically incorporates into his magazine.

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