Rediscover Wallraf’s legacy at the WASTA – Wallraf Street Art festival week across Cologne. Marvel at stunning artworks and installations that bring Wallraf’s heritage back to life. Join this creative event: learn about Cologne’s honorary citizen and a modern perspective on his work shown through street art by joining insightful tours and talks, and participate in diverse workshops, children’s programs, and pop-up events!

In collaboration with ten artists, WASTA aims not only to celebrate Wallraf but also to showcase the value of remembering certain individuals. This provides an opportunity to organize a project offering various street art activities for Cologne’s residents. Wallraf himself set the precedent by erecting monumental inscriptions in Cologne for various special occasions. WASTA takes inspiration from his interventions to infuse art into the urban landscape.

Together with their students, the Art History Institute and the University and City Library of Cologne are organizing a participatory festival week. This event provides a platform for diverse activities that share knowledge about Wallraf and street art, and transform Cologne’s streets into a publicly accessible exhibition space. For a limited time (September 5-15, 2024), up to ten artists will display their interpretations of Wallraf’s persona throughout Cologne’s urban space. Free events such as talks, workshops, and tours offer locals the chance to explore not only Wallraf’s legacy but also many new artists and their contemporary work.