



The Crystal Ship

Street art by the shore

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- The official catalogue marking 11 years of The Crystal Ship, Europe's largest street art festival
- Featuring all of the nearly 100 works still on display, by artists such as ROA, David Shrigley, Escif, Aryz and many others

In 2016, 'The Crystal Ship' docked in the Belgian coastal city of Ostend. The street art festival quickly grew to become the largest in Europe. Eleven years on, the list of participating artists is long and impressive. ROA, Jaune, David Shrigley, Broken Fingaz, Aryz, Escif – almost every big name in the world of public art now adorns a façade or wall in Ostend. This book provides a chronological overview of all the artworks still on display (almost 100!) and features interviews with eleven artists, one for each year: 2016: Guido van Helten; 2017: Strook; 2018: Erin Holly; 2019: Escif; 2020: Helen Bur; 2021: Medianeras; 2022: Broken Fingaz; 2023: Jaune; 2024: Marina Capdevila; 2025: Megan; 2026: Zenith.

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