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Press Release

Martin Creed

Hauser & Wirth Menorca

25 April – 7 June 2026

Opening reception: Saturday 25 April 2026



This spring, Hauser & Wirth Menorca opens for a new season with a special presentation by Martin Creed. The exhibition brings together Creed's 'Work No. 3891: Half the air in a given space' and a selection of wall paintings.

'Half the air in a given space' is one of Creed's most celebrated works. First conceived in 1998 and subsequently created around the world, it involves a multitude of balloons which contain half of the air in a room. Acting as a tangible measure of the air, this playful inversion of art and space invites visitors to enter and change the work themselves. It is a sculpture which takes the shape of the space between people and things, joining them together in the shared location.

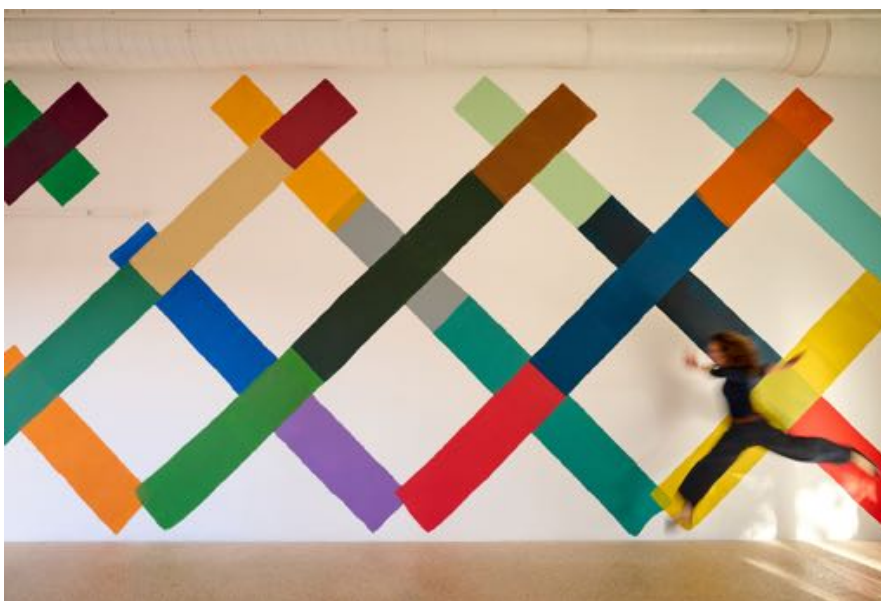
'It's just a normal situation. As usual, the space is full of air, but half of it is inside balloons.' –Martin Creed

Like his balloons, Creed's wall paintings fill half of the space they occupy, so that there is 'a balance between the work and the world'. Joyfully colourful, these paintings form decorative motifs which respond to the details of the architecture, further illustrating Creed's belief that work must be sensitive to its environment because it is always inseparable from it. John Donne's famous sermon, learned by Creed at school, comes to mind: 'No man is an island entire of itself'.

Both 'Half the air in a given space' and Creed's wall paintings challenge traditional ideas of art. As Creed says, 'There is no art. The art is in the people. You always have to include people in it, because in the end it is just a background to people and their funny ways'.

The gallery will be activated through a wide-reaching public program including learning resources, events and educational visits which will continue throughout the school season. Through a series of creative interventions, audiences will develop a first-hand understanding of how Creed constructs his work, breaking down the boundaries between looking at and becoming a living part of the artwork itself.

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Opening times

25 April - 7 June
Wednesday - Sunday, 10 am - 4 pm
Cantina open until 4.30 pm

21 June - 6 September
Monday - Sunday, 11 am - 10 pm
Cantina open until 11.30 pm

9 September - 25 October
Wednesday - Sunday, 10 am - 4 pm
Cantina open until 4.30 pm

Shuttle boat ticket

10 € for adults
5 € for children under 12 years old
Free for children under 3 years old
Both ways (open return)

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Martin Creed, Work No. 3891: Half the air in a given space (2025), Installation view, 'Martin Creed,' Hauser & Wirth Menorca, 2026

Installation view, 'Martin Creed,' Hauser & Wirth Menorca, 2026