From the Arno to the Isar: Exhibition highlight in Munich on Florentine Renaissance painting

The path-breaking renewal of art in Florence under the Medici


From Giotto to Leonardo da Vinci

FLORENCE AND ITS PAINTERS

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Dream Cars for Eternity with cult status

25 legendary design icons:
Mercedes Benz 300 SL, BMW 507, Jaguar E-Type, Aston Martin DB4, Ferrari 250, California Spyder, Alfa Romeo Giulietta SS, Lamborghini Countach et al.

Homage to car design of the 1950s to the 1970s in high-quality photographs

**CARS! DRIVEN BY DESIGN**
**SPORTS CARS FROM THE 1950S TO 1970S**

The sports cars of the 1950s to the 1970s are fast, beautiful, eccentric and innovative. In recent decades these automobiles not only became coveted collector’s items; they also enjoy cult status. In an exciting journey through time the volume presents 25 outstanding sports cars as design icons and illuminates their presentation in film and photography.

As a design object beyond its practical purpose, the automobile has left an indelible mark on the world we live in. There is scarcely another everyday item which has been designed in a more sophisticated and inventive manner and which offers a larger projection area. This can be seen with particular clarity in the sports car. The volume pays homage to a selection of exclusive sports cars by legendary manufacturers, from Porsche to Ferrari to Jaguar, as artworks in their own right and as a unity of form, technology, design and emotions. Essays, selected texts and biographies shed light on the multi-layered development of automobile design and introduce the vehicles and their designers.

EXHIBITION
Stiftung Museum Kunstpalast, Düsseldorf
09.27.2018 – 02.10.2019
More than any other artist, Claude Monet represents Impressionist painting. This volume illustrates Monet’s career from Realism via Impressionism to a form of painting in which the colours and light gradually become detached from the object. It focuses on the artist’s colour concept, an aspect of his oeuvre which has hitherto not been examined in detail, as well as his passionate study of subjects from his garden in Giverny.

The French “Master of Light” (1840–1926) was a key forerunner of twentieth-century painting. He painted by the sea, on the steep coast of Normandy and on the banks of the Seine. Monet’s light and colours interact on the canvas with a nature that is constantly changing. In order to record the variety of atmospheric impressions, he painted many of his subjects in series. In his study of the world of plants and water in his garden the subject gradually becomes independent of his observation of nature. In this way the artist’s late work paved the way for the painting of Abstract Expressionism.
Atmospheric series of pictures to celebrate the 150th birthday of Harald Sohlberg

Comprehensive insight into the work of the important Norwegian painter

Popular subject: Nordic Art

**HARALD SOHLBERG**

**INFINITE LANDSCAPES**

Majestic and magical landscapes, the soft beauty of fields of flowers, the raw cold of winter: the works of Harald Sohlberg combine a Romantic perception of nature with a contemporary pictorial language akin to Symbolism. This volume assembles some 60 paintings, in addition to a number of drawings, prints and photographs by the artist and grants insight into his conceptual world through his correspondence.

In particular the mountain world surrounding Rondane National Park provided Harald Sohlberg (1869–1935) with inexhaustible inspiration for countless studies and watercolours which were later incorporated into his landscape pictures. This volume places one of his most famous works, *Winter Night in the Mountains*, in a new context and casts light on less well-known aspects of Sohlberg’s œuvre, which also includes street scenes, for example. One characteristic of his works that is particularly attractive is the lack of people in them – not least because their traces always appear present. This reveals a critical attitude to the modern age and at the same time allows the viewer to become immersed in his or her own stories.
A luxuriously produced, lavishly illustrated publication

With a historical introduction on the dissolution of the Austrian monarchy

Constructivism, Surrealism, Expressionism in the former lands of the Austrian-Hungarian monarchy

BEYOND KLIMT
NEW HORIZONS IN CENTRAL EUROPE

1918 marked the end of a golden era: it was the year that Gustav Klimt, Egon Schiele, Koloman Moser, and Otto Wagner died. Artistic activity, however, had already freed itself of their influence. Hardly affected by the political disruptions taking place, artists in the countries of the former Austro-Hungarian monarchy were busily productive, driven by a desire for a new start.

The period between the two World Wars is characterised in the arts by international networks that transcended political and ideological borders. A lively artistic exchange took place, stimulating Constructive, Expressionist, and Surrealist tendencies. An increasingly important role was played by magazines that disseminated new positions. The outbreak of World War II abruptly interrupted these cosmopolitan art networks. This publication examines the fascinating, artistically fruitful epoch between the wars.
EGON SCHIELE
PATHWAYS TO A COLLECTION

2018 marks the centenary of Egon Schiele’s death. To coincide with this occasion the publication will present the painting collection of the Belvedere Vienna including highlights such as Eduard Kosmack, House Wall, Death and Girl, The Embrace and Four Trees. The book provides an opportunity to study the artist’s work processes in greater detail and to follow the fascinating routes taken by his works before reaching the museum.

In 1918 the Österreichische Galerie under Director Franz M. Haberditzl was the first Austrian museum to acquire an oil painting by Schiele during his lifetime. Today the museum owns one of the top collections of paintings from the years 1907–1918 by the artist. The publication will examine each work separately and will answer questions with regard to their acquisition and subject as well as related works. At the same time, the results of the investigations into painting technique which the works have undergone since 2016 will be presented for the first time. Complementary essays explain the history of the collection and the changes to the stocks of Schiele’s works which are taking place as a result of museum reforms, the exchange of pictures or the restitution of individual works.
The most important German woman artist of the twentieth century

An extensive overview of her life and work

Artist, mother, pacifist: the graphic works, drawings and sculptures of Käthe Kollwitz

KÄTHE KOLLWITZ 1867–1945
A SURVEY OF HER WORK

“I want to have an effect during this age in which people are so perplexed and in need of help.” This sentence, a diary entry from 1922, is the creed of a great artist. It is as topical today as it was then. Käthe Kollwitz (1867–1945) achieved worldwide respect with her drawings, printed graphics and sculptures even during her lifetime.

With her great cycles of graphic works “Ein Weberaufstand” (A Weavers’ Revolt) and “Bauernkrieg” (The Peasants’ War), Käthe Kollwitz demonstrated her skills as a graphic artist at an early stage in a remarkable manner. From the start of her career her etchings, lithographs and woodcuts were included in the collections of renowned art institutes. Her fame as an artist grew steadily and was acknowledged by countless awards. In 1919 she was even the first woman to be appointed professor by the Prussian Academy of Arts. This new monograph presents with unprecedented density the life and work of Käthe Kollwitz, one of the most important German woman artists of Classic Modernism.
One of the best-known portrait painters of the Dutch Golden Age

Focus book on Frans Hals’ small body of family portraits

Recent discoveries on the family depicted in the masterpiece Van Campen Family Portrait in a Landscape

FRANS HALS PORTRAITS
A FAMILY REUNION

Frans Hals (1582/83–1666) is one of the foremost portrait painters of the Dutch Golden Age. This exhibition is the first devoted to his family group portraiture. The show and the catalogue will unite all of his four family portraits along with related works by the artist and will examine the topic of Hals’s family portraiture as a whole, placing it in the context of his complete oeuvre.

The exhibition was prompted by the Toledo Museum of Art’s acquisition in 2011 of Frans Hals’s Van Campen Family Portrait in a Landscape, as well as the recent conservation of Brussels’ Three Children of the Van Campen Family. These two works originally formed one composition, separated for unknown reasons probably in the late 18th century or early 19th century. The catalogue reunites the surviving sections of the Toledo/Brussels painting and proposes a reconstruction. It will discuss how the four compositions are constructed, what symbolic elements are included, and what we know about the sitters. It also presents new discoveries about the Van Campen family, placing them in Haarlem society of the early 1600s.
The path to a museum of the twentieth century: a self-positioning of the internationally renowned collection of the Nationalgalerie Berlin

A paradigm shift in a globalising present – from a Western-informed understanding of art to the global turn

A large-scale exhibition in the entire exhibition space of Hamburger Bahnhof featuring artworks from all over the world

HELLO WORLD
REVISING A COLLECTION

What could the primarily Western collection of the Nationalgalerie look like today if a global understanding of art had informed its development? Looking at artworks from non-European centres of Modernism and their activities, untold stories and overlooked connections are picked up and developed.

The Nationalgalerie Berlin subjects its collection to a critical revision, focusing on those areas of the collection which are not central to a Western understanding of art. Starting points include Heinrich Vogeler’s turn to the Soviet Union, the Dadaist Tomoyoshi Murayama’s sojourn in 1920s Berlin, and Joseph Beuys’ collaborations with Nicolas García Uriburu. The result is a narrative of art from 1900 to the present which, from a global perspective, selectively takes up and explores historical, international, and transregional connections between artists and cultural contexts.
The history and culture of Europe has been decisively shaped by the exploration and use of the seas surrounding Europe. This catalogue book reflects the significance of the sea as a space of rule and trade for Europeans, as bridge and border, as a resource and a place of longing. The book also reviews the changing perception of the sea in the arts.

Europe is a maritime continent: measured by the length of its coasts and its total size, none of the five continental masses on the planet has more points of contact with the seas than Europe. The importance of the sea for the development of European civilisation is illustrated by the themes of myths, shipbuilding and seafaring, rule of the seas, European coastal trade, expansion, the slave trade, migration, the maritime global economy, resources, oceanography, tourism and the artistic perception of the sea.

Thirteen themes, each linked to a port city, range from Antiquity to the present day and demonstrate that the domination of the seas was a central component of European power politics for centuries.
Monumental landscapes in white from seven continents

Powerful photographs of timeless and undying beauty

The magic of the colour white, presented in a high-quality publication

INTO THE LIGHT
BETWEEN HEAVEN AND EARTH, BETWEEN LIGHT AND DARKNESS

Since earliest times the colour white has exerted a powerful fascination on Man for its purity, glistening brightness, magic and symbolism. Fascinated by the power of the colour white, Tom Jacobi travelled seven continents and photographed breathtaking landscapes which reveal a timeless power and offer space for contemplation.

The colour white is an integral part of the history of mankind, from a religious point of view and in philosophy and nature. The Bible states: “God spoke: Let there be light.” For the ancient Egyptians white was the colour of happiness. The Romans described someone who was always lucky as a “Child of the White Hen.” In Buddhism the white lotus blossom is the symbol of enlightenment. And the Antarctic summer shows one of the most haunting landscapes in white. Tom Jacobi’s landscape photos celebrate the colour white in an impressive manner: monumental, magical and the opposite of black: light compared with nothingness and chaos.

Tom Jacobi
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Havana triggers a wealth of images and projections in our mind’s eye. Beyond the clichés, the photographer Eva-Maria Fahrner-Tutsek focuses her gaze on everyday life in Havana. Her photographs show life in the streets and the mood of the people. As we look and read, the light and dark sides of the capital of Cuba are gradually revealed.

The most recent economic recession has brought the changes which had just begun in Cuba to a standstill. The associated privations are reflected in the behaviour and the faces of the people living in Havana. Fahrner-Tutsek’s photographs show the inhabitants of the city as they go about their business (which is often non-existent), sit on the street, perhaps play or simply wait. In a poetic approach the Cuban writer Leonardo Padura describes life in present-day Havana. The volume is enhanced by an insightful essay by the noted photographer and photographic theorist Michael Freeman.

Sensitive photographs of people’s lives in Havana
Havana beyond the usual clichés
Inspiring essay by Michael Freeman on documentary photography
With a literary text by Leonardo Padura

The Supper Club

Elia Alba’s The Supper Club photographic portrait series depicts U.S.-based artists of colour. Alongside the portraits are excerpts from dinner conversations addressing issues that relate to race and visual culture on themes including sanctuary, policing, post-black identity and intersectional identities connecting gender, race and privilege.

Elia Alba’s The Supper Club focuses on racial politics and visual culture. Curated by Sara Reisman for The Shelley & Donald Rubin Foundation, The Supper Club is comprised of socially-engaged dinners and portraits of artist participants. She began photographing artists of color like LaToya Ruby Frazier and Mickalene Thomas in 2012. To give voice to her community Alba hosted dinners, 25 so far, with themes like Baltimore, Race and Identity (in honor of Freddy Gray) and Racial Subjugation in Latin America. Inspired by Vanity Fair’s “Hollywood Issue,” Alba’s portraits capture each artist’s unique voice, transforming them into iconic images.
Christian Baumgartner: Another Country complements the artist’s first major museum exhibition in the U.S. and offers an in-depth introduction to the artist’s work at mid-career. Baumgartner is best known for monumental woodcuts, hand-carved prints that literally and conceptually expand the traditional boundaries of the medium beyond expectation.

Leipzig-based artist Christiane Baumgartner (b. 1967) works at the intersection of old and new media to expand the conceptual and technical capacities of printmaking. Sourcing images from cinema and TV or from her own photographs and videos, she hand-carves woodcuts that defy convention and expectation. Often monumental in scale or undertaken in large series, the work is about speed and transmission, about human sight and its elusive capture, about cultural memory and modes of representation. Essays contextualize the work in relation to German printmaking and the Leipzig school; an interview with the artist surveys her praxis at mid-career.
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An impressive transformation: From the street into museums and galleries and back to the street: urban art graffiti in an impressively designed book on an artist.

The first kiss, riding a skateboard or a bicycle, walking the dog – Graffiti Girl illustrates small moments of happiness.

A bold statement against today’s loss of truth in an outstanding artist publication.

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GRAFFITI GIRL

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HIRMER SCULPTURE

Ed. Otto Letze, Nicole Fritz

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EXHIBITION
Kunsthalle Tübingen
07.21.–10.21.2018

From the 1960s and 1970s onwards, different sculptors became involved with a mode of realism based on the physically lifelike appearance of the human body. By deploying traditional techniques of modelling, casting and painting in order to recreate human figures they follow different approaches towards a contemporary form of figural realism. The sculptures show how the way we see our bodies has been subject to constant change.

The publication presents artworks of all important representatives of Hyperrealism. From the early pioneers like George Segal, Duane Hanson and John DeAndrea this comprehensive selection demonstrates how Hyperrealistic sculptures continuously developed up to the current stars of the movement like Ron Mueck, Sam Jinks, Evan Penny, Tony Matelli and Patricia Piccinini.

ALMOST ALIVE
HYPERREALISTIC SCULPTURE IN ART

Rediscovery of an important woman painter of the 20th century
Mediterranean light rendered in abstract paintings
Matchless

ANNA-EVA BERGMAN
LICHT / LIGHT

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Alfred Waidinger and Jan Nicolaisen for the City of Leipzig.
In cooperation with the Fondation Hartung Bergman and Domaine de Kerguéhennec.
Contributions: Céline Fléchoux, Roman Mathieu and Jan Nicolaisen

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John Grade’s drawings, sculptures and installations are weathered, marked, worn and disintegrated. Made of reclaimed wood or paper, the works are buried for termites to devour, sunk into a bay to collect barnacles, or hung in forest trees for birds to eat.

Grade’s work represents our changing environment. An attraction to travel and to the land shapes the work, mirroring patterns found in nature, such as wasp nests, erosion, honeycombs, rocks, trees and the passage of time. Grade invites natural forces to erode and change the work and its material, exploring both control and disruption and risk and measured thought. The works begin from an experience – a reaction to place and history or a trek into the landscape, whether it is the old growth forests of the Pacific Northwest or the hills of Iceland.
Beyond the Wave, a submission by Jaesik Lim and Heerim Architects and Planners to the 2014 Land Art Generator Initiative design competition for Copenhagen.

Beyond the Wave provides a glimpse into our post-carbon future where energy infrastructure is seamlessly woven into the fabric of our cities as works of public art. Fifty designs use a variety of renewable energy technologies to arrive at innovative site-specific solutions. Power plants of the future will be the perfect place to have a picnic!

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A vivid portrait of a UNESCO heritage site rediscovered, restored and brought back to life.

Evoking the beauty of simplicity of Bauhaus architecture

Depicting the outstanding architectural synthesis of the modernist trends in Tel Aviv of the 1930s.

Utopian spirit which echoes the origins of the Modern movement.

Including buildings by:
Otto Bartning, Peter Behrens, Max Berg, Josef Chochol, Pávils Drejmanis, Josef Gočár, Pavel Janák, Jan Kotéra, Emil Králíček, Otakar Novotný, Hans Poelzig, Jan Vitkiewicz, and many others.

The third title in the bestselling series Fragments of Metropolis

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Yigal Gawze's photographs capture the abstraction, the simplicity and the optimism of early modernism in Tel Aviv. He distills the essence of the Bauhaus to bring it alive in a modern city and concentrates on the subtle effects of natural light upon architecture, a technique that the masters of the modern movement themselves applauded.

The fragment – an essential part of the structure which carries within it the genetic code of the whole, is at the core of this visual inquiry depicting Tel Aviv's White City. The encounter between a building style originating in Europe and the Mediterranean glare, is highlighted by the colour photography. While paying homage to the Bauhaus spirit and the avant-garde photographers of the 1920s, it is also a tribute to past ideals and present renewal, enhancing the current relevance of the Modern Movement in an exceptional urban setting. The images add up to create a portrait of a place by revealing the poetic essence of its architecture and the role light takes in shaping it.

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The Architecture of Expressionism is the upheaval of architecture in the roaring twenties – with regionally different emphases, schools and protagonists. The series’ third volume documents all surviving buildings in Poland, the Czech Republic and Slovakia. The shared heritage of this important European region is presented in a fascinating rediscovery.

The enthusiasm for the Expressionist metropolis, an architecture of complexity, verticality and theatricality, in the 1920s captured also East-Central Europe. Despite regional differences, the surviving fragments bear witness to a determined will of form and a rich, skilful handling of colour, material and light. Joint together, the buildings tell the story of the Expressionist vision of a new modern society. In contemporary photographs and plan drawings Fragment of Metropolis – East documents 170 buildings in Bratislava, Brno, Gdansk, Hradec Králové, Katowice, Kraków, Legnica, Prague, Szczecin, Ústí nad Labem, Warsaw, Wroclaw, as well as many other places. A detailed index and clearly arranged maps complete the reference work.
Pioneer of Action Painting
Most current study on the market

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This publication vividly examines De Kooning’s life, marked by self-doubts, successes, new beginnings, excesses and scandalous paintings, as well as the evolution of his artistic work. In addition, author Corinna Thierolf opens up exciting perspectives on De Kooning’s work by revealing entirely new, surprising relationships with the works of fellow artists such as Franz Marc, Piet Mondrian and Vasily Kandinsky.

Lavishly illustrated overview of the life and work of Koloman Moser

Published to accompany the exhibition “Kolo Moser. The Leopold Collection” in the Leopold Museum, Vienna

KOLOMAN MOSER

Admired by contemporaries as an artistic “jack-of-all-trades”, Koloman Moser (1868–1918) is regarded today as one of the most important representatives of the Viennese Secession of around 1900. As a graphic artist and designer Moser was unparalleled in his artistic diversity, creating furniture, textiles, and objects – for the Wiener Werkstätte among others – that are icons of Modernism, as well as leaving behind an impressive oeuvre of paintings.

A group of progressive artists, including Koloman Moser, founded “The Association of Visual Artists of Austria, Secession” under the leadership of Gustav Klimt in 1897. Moser in particular is considered the outstanding graphic artist of the Secession, thanks to his design of posters, exhibition concepts and of the journal Ver Sacrum.

He was the ideal master for the formation of the Gesamtkunstwerk “Vienna circa 1900”. In 1903 Moser founded, together with Josef Hoffmann and the industrialist Fritz Waerndorfer, the “Wiener Werkstätte” (Viennese Workshops).

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In 1926 22 year-old Dutch artist Willem de Kooning (1904–1997) travelled to the USA on a British freighter – without papers and hidden in the machine room. The young art student eked out a living by painting houses, signs and façades, before he was able after eight years to dedicate himself entirely to painting.

In the United States he established contacts with the art scene and forged friendships with artists such as Arshile Gorky, Franz Kline, Clifford Still, Jackson Pollock and Mark Rothko. Today De Kooning belongs to the outstanding painters of Abstract Expressionism and together with Jackson Pollock is regarded as a pioneer of Action Painting.

This publication vividly examines De Kooning’s life, marked by self-doubts, successes, new beginnings, excesses and scandalous paintings, as well as the evolution of his artistic work. In addition, author Corinna Thierolf opens up exciting perspectives on De Kooning’s work by revealing entirely new, surprising relationships with the works of fellow artists such as Franz Marc, Piet Mondrian and Vasily Kandinsky.
In her series of images "Monkey Business" the artist Beate Passow portrays a mysterious fairy-tale world of political dimensions. The black and white images, which upon closer observation turn out to be sophisticated tapestries, question the ruling systems, economic structures, and political movements of contemporary Europe.

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