“For anyone interested in the messy, exhilarating tale of early American modernism, this is essential reading. Bloemink’s new biography provides an intimate, nuanced look at the pivotal role Stettheimer played in fomenting an artistic revolution in the United States. It is the definitive account of one of the era’s great artists.”
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This first full biography confirms Florine Stettheimer as one of the 20th century’s most significant progressive artists, whose work remains highly relevant today. Stettheimer was a feminist and a multi-media artist who painted several sexually explicit, political works examining identity issues documenting New York City’s growth as the center of cultural life, finance, and entertainment between the World Wars.

During her first 40 years in Europe, Florine Stettheimer studied academic painting and was aware of all the earliest modernist styles ahead of most American artists. Returning to New York, she and her sisters led an acclaimed Salon for major avant-garde cultural figures including Marcel Duchamp, the Stieglitz circle, poets, dancers, writers, etc. She showed her innovative paintings in over 46 of the most important museum exhibitions and Salons, wrote poetry, designed unique furniture and gained international fame for her sets and costumes for avant-garde opera.

Barbara Bloemink has written extensively on Florine Stettheimer’s work including writing the first full examination of her work in 1995 and co-curating the artist’s Whitney Museum Retrospective. She was formerly the director and chief curator of five art museums, including the Smithsonian’s National Design Museum and the Guggenheim Hermitage Museum.

The first biography of Florine Stettheimer’s art, establishing her as one of the earliest feminist artists
Heroes: Principles of African Greatness is a multilayered project that relays the stories of the key heroic principles and people in Africa’s arts and history, and considers the core values of leadership – justice, integrity, generosity and empathy. Each artwork in Heroes is paired with a historic African person, a “hero in history,” who embodies the thematic value featured in the selected work.

A playful invitation to consider both the hopes and horrors at work in the history of the African continent

Showing nearly 50 artworks from more than 40 artists, the book is designed in an aesthetic reminiscent of a graphic novel or superhero comic book. With multiple paths and points of entry, it encourages readers to explore, consider and make their own connections. In addition, author Kevin Dumouchelle has included reference information, and offers his reflections on related songs from a curated playlist. An essay weaves together a brief discussion of the project’s goals and grounding. Find your own way in this spirited cosmos full of surprises and values!

Kevin D. Dumouchelle joined the National Museum of African Art in October 2016. Previously, he was at the Brooklyn Museum for a decade as the curator in charge of the arts of Africa and the Pacific Islands.
Ai Weiwei is not only one of the most important contemporary artists; he is also an untiring activist and critic of authoritarian systems. "In Search of Humanity" includes key works from all phases of the artist’s career and examines in detail the aspect of humanity and artistic responsibility in the oeuvre of Ai Weiwei.

The catalogue sheds light on concepts such as surveillance, censorship, human rights, freedom of expression, human displacement, radical responsibility, the power of beauty, and the truth of poetry. Guided by these thoughts, it offers new perspectives to understand the relevance of Ai Weiwei’s artistic language. It will encompass a wide range of art-historical paradigms (such as the readymade) alongside more radical activist strategies, all aimed at exploring the extremes of the contemporary human condition on a global scale.

Dieter Buchhart is a curator of many large-scale exhibitions in renowned international museums and holds a PhD in art history and restoration. Elsy Lahner has been the curator for contemporary art at the Albertina Museum in Vienna since 2011. Klaus Albrecht Schröder became the director of the Albertina Museum in 1999, and since 2017 he has been its director general.
Central to this catalogue are the points which the works of Edward Hopper (1882–1967) have in common with those of Johannes Vermeer (1632–1675). It is not only a question here of the very noticeable compositional similarities – the works of both artists frequently show interiors with figures absorbed by their activities – but also of the possibilities of interpretation which can be derived for the work of the American master.  

Stephan Koja has been the director of the Gemäldegalerie Alte Meister and the Sculpture Collection before 1800 at the Staatliche Kunstsammlungen Dresden since 2016.

Edward Hopper and the old masters –
a new look at the American artist

Edward Hopper is one of the best-known American artists of the 20th century. His works are regarded as the epitome of a representation of American life. This catalogue casts a fresh look at Hopper’s oeuvre and analyses it in a dialogue with works by the old masters. This is a completely new approach, because to date works by Hopper and the old masters have never been shown together.
It is a widely held view that Picasso’s creative work received a fresh impetus with each new muse in his life. Rather than Picasso’s biography or stylistic phases, this volume pays tribute to the individual fates of the women who left their mark on his life. Personalities like Françoise Gilot and Dora Maar are among those whose entire life and creative work are acknowledged, not just the years they spent at Picasso’s side.

Ten women who left their mark on Picasso’s life

The book sketches the life of ten women in the life of the Spanish artist. Picasso’s mother, whose maiden name he chose as his artist’s name, warned him when he wanted to marry the Russian ballerina Olga Khokhlova that he would remain married to painting throughout his life. The couple separated in 1935; the reason was Picasso’s young muse Marie-Thérèse Walter, who was also soon deposed by Dora Maar. Following various separations, women like the young artist Françoise Gilot also disappeared from Picasso’s canvases, but did not vanish entirely. This book pays tribute to them all.

Margrit Bernard is the editor of works devoted to various art-historical subjects and the curator of private collections of Classical Modernism and museum exhibitions worldwide. Markus Müller has been the director of the Kunstmuseum Pablo Picasso Münster since 2000 and is Honorary Professor of Art History at the Westfälische Wilhelm-Universität Münster. Marilyn McCully is an American art historian based in England. She has collaborated in the organization of major international Picasso exhibitions.
Conrad Felixmüller (1897–1977) is regarded as one of the most important representatives of the Second Generation of German Expressionism. He celebrated initial major successes with his art during the Weimar Republic. This volume illustrates the life and work of this unusual artist, whose creative career reflects more than half a century of art and contemporary history. The spiritually inspired pictures of Agnes Pelton (1881–1961) have their roots in the desert of California, a place where the artist settled in 1932 and where she lived until her death. She wrote of her highly symbolic paintings that her pictures were “like little windows”, which opened up a view into the interior, her “message of light to the world”.

**Well-founded overview with copious illustrations featuring works from all his creative years**

In January 1919, Felixmüller founded the avant-garde Dresdner Sezession Gruppe 1919, whose members also included Otto Dix and Peter August Böckstiegel as well as other fellow artists. The works from the early 1920s reflect not only his interest in these people but also his political commitment. Under National Socialism, Felixmüller’s works were proscribed as “degenerate”; after 1945, he endeavoured to continue his work in the GDR, albeit under new auspices. Ten years before his death, Felixmüller moved to West Berlin, where he lived to see the rediscovery of his work. In the 1920s Agnes Pelton started to explore abstract painting, because this offered her the possibility of translating esoteric topics into pictures. Like her fellow-artist Georgia O’Keeffe, Pelton deliberately turned her back on the art scene of the East Coast. She was celebrated for her abstract compositions: “... it is simply an oasis of beauty for the eye”, was how American Art News eulogised her work. After her death Pelton’s work disappeared from the public focus for a long time; today her important artistic contribution to American modernism is acknowledged once more.

**Rediscover an awesome American modernist, whose works are poetic celebrations of nature**

Gilbert Vicario is Selig Family Chief Curator at the Phoenix Art Museum and is the author or editor of many books, among others Agnes Pelton. Desert Transcendentalist.
The English illustrator Anna Atkins (1799–1871) was in every respect a modern woman. For the publication of her plant collections she used the latest technology, the recently invented cyanotype. In 1843 she used the process to create the first photo book in history, with images of breathtaking beauty and originality which often look like modern art.

At first Anna Atkins worked for and with her father. Later she chose the objects for her scientific compositions herself: algae and ferns. Atkins placed them on light-sensitive paper that turned dark blue in water after being developed, with the exception of the places that had been covered by the plants. Initially alone, and then with her friend Anne Dixon, she produced well over 10,000 copies of her photograms and assembled them in several books like albums. Today these rare copies are regarded as treasures and are preserved in museums and libraries.

Rolf Sachsse worked until 2017 as professor for the History of Design and Media Theory at the University of Fine Arts Saar and works today as a curator, author, consultant and photographer in Bonn.

This exquisitely designed bibliophile volume presents a forerunner of photography.
The photographs in this book represent narratives of resilience and poems of survival against a rapid and sweeping movement of history across 125th Street, where buildings and communities are periodically destroyed and built anew. The works shape a sense of belonging and identity that goes against the stereotyping and mystification of this neighborhood. It contributes to the writing of a new history of photography that is collective and collaborative.

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Harlem’s 125th Street is a marker of 20th-century urban experience that encapsulates powerful stories of business and consumption, real estate and gentrification, glamour and entertainment, and political uprising. The book explores works and themes from a large roster of photographers and performance artists who have engaged with the constant mutation of this street life.
The catalogue highlights the depth and relevance of the exceptional collection acquired from St. Louis collectors Ted L. and Maryanne Ellison Simmons. The artworks address a broad array of contemporary cultural issues and participate in many discourses of art from the 1960s to the present.

Art collection assembled by baseball Hall of Famer T. L. Simmons and master-printer M. E. Simmons

Catching the Moment features 104 stellar examples from over 800 works in a St. Louis collection recently acquired by the Saint Louis Art Museum. The diverse collection of contemporary art, made mostly by artists active in the U.S., includes prints, drawings and photographs as well as sculptures and a painting. The book traces the Simmons’ focus on art and artists of their own time, and on the broader social, political, art-historical and technical issues that have engaged both the artists and the collectors.

Elizabeth Wyckoff is the Saint Louis Art Museum’s curator of prints, drawings and photographs. She has organized important exhibitions ranging in subject matter from old master to contemporary prints, books, and drawings.

Mike Bidlo, Enrique Chagoya, Bruce Conner, Damon Davis, Tony Fitzpatrick, Helen Frankenthaler, Jane Hammond, Tom Huck, Peter Hujar, Jasper Johns, Bruce Nauman, Liliana Porter, Jaune Quick-to-See Smith, Kiki Smith, Paul Thek, Kara Walker, H. C. Westermann, and David Wojnarowicz, among others.

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The expansive volume is for both new and established audiences. The artworks – from ancient Puebloan and Mississippian ceramics to nineteenth-century beaded garments and carved masks to cutting-edge contemporary paintings, sculpture, photography and variable media art – are organized geographically, inviting readers to make connections to the peoples who historically inhabited a place. The collection illustrates the multi-faceted nature of Native experiences and represents the Indigenous arts of North America as a vibrant continuum.

John P. Lukacic is Andrew W. Mellon Curator of Native Arts. Dakota Hoska is Assistant Curator of Native Arts. Christopher Patrello is Andrew W. Mellon Postdoctoral Fellow in the Indigenous Arts of North America.

200 masterpieces of Indigenous art from North America, flanked by essays from Indigenous authors
Between 1933 and 1945, artistic creativity within the German Reich was almost totally under the control of the National Socialist state. Many artists emigrated. But what about the ones who remained in Germany? Under what social and economic conditions did they focus on their art and what options for activity were open to them?

**Marginalised – non-conformist artists in the Third Reich**

For artists who did not conform to the system, the years of National Socialism were an era of standstill and isolation. The volume questions this blanket judgement through 14 artist personalities and shows how differently they dealt with ostracism, the lack of audience and the absence of exchange, what possibilities they had for selling and exhibiting their works and to what extent they adapted to the requirements of the Nazi regime. Some 140 paintings, sculptures, drawings and photographs reflect graphically the contradictions of this time.

Eika Voermann is a curator at the Schirn Kunsthalle Frankfurt.
The contemporary eye of Nicolás De Jesús, celebrating life and condemning injustice

Nicolás de Jesús’s art offers a nostalgic and yet lucid interpretation of our world. While his art emerges from Mexican artistic traditions, it is coupled with his international experience in cities like Chicago, Paris, and Jakarta. His work also addresses crises like the storming of the US Capitol, the repression faced by migrants and Black Americans, and the disasters of COVID 19. Covering three decades of artwork, this book offers a challenge to the conventional definition of contemporary art.

Patrice Giasson is the Alex Gordon Curator of Art of the Americas at Neuberger Museum of Art, Purchase College, SUNY.

Well-known for his etchings on bark paper featuring dazzling skeleton-characters working, celebrating, walking the streets, or crossing borders, Nicolás De Jesús’s political commitment is also expressed through powerful large-scale paintings that tackle a wide range of urgent themes including immigration, human rights, and environmental instability.
Katharina Grosse’s spectacular projects – as seen, for example, in the recent solo exhibitions in the Hamburger Bahnhof in Berlin and the Helsinki Art Museum – reveal a powerful and expansive painting that celebrates the processual, the ephemeral and the ostensible. The handsome publication presents an impressive series of recent paintings on canvas, for which the artist employed a new assemblage technique, using wooden elements she found near her New Zealand studio. Two essays lead the reader through Grosse’s multidimensional work and illustrate the broad creative spectrum of this exceptional artist’s oeuvre.

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Powerfully colourful and boundary-crossing: the multi-dimensional painting of Katharina Grosse

Katharina Grosse (*1961) is considered to be one of the defining painters of her generation; her powerfully colourful interventions have had a determining effect on contemporary art dialogue. Grosse’s works cross the boundaries of space with expansive gestures and enormous vitality and call for a new reception culture.
Clifford Ross’s photographic and video practices over the past thirty years reveal one of the most incisive and technically sophisticated investigations of the nature of vision in the medium’s history.

**A moving and sophisticated investigation into the nature of vision**

Sightlines showcases the range and depth of Clifford Ross’s art by presenting the inexhaustible variety of visual experience he has created with two primary subjects: mountain and sea. In our era of unprecedented environmental peril, his inventive exploration of the iconic subjects of the mountain and the sea convey powerful creative engagement with the landscapes that are both majestic and fragile.

Jessica May is Managing Director of Art and Exhibitions at the Trustees, and Artistic Director of the DeCordova Sculpture Park and Museum, Massachusetts.
The Italian-American artist Francesco Clemente (*1952) is one of the main representatives of the postmodern Transavanguardia and Arte Cifra, the Italian version of Neo-Expressionism. Among his extensive oeuvre, the publication focuses on Clemente’s enigmatic self-portraits and presents insights into his latest works series.

Face to face with Francesco Clemente’s fascinating self-portraits

Clemente’s travels, alternating between India, New York and Europe, contribute to the remarkably multi-faceted aspects of his works. The leitmotifs, which vacillate between a figurative and abstract approach, are the human body as well as echoes of Indian culture and philosophy. The catalogue concentrates on the pastels, watercolours, gouaches and printed graphics, including important series like the Amalfi Watercolours, the Tarots and From the Terreiro, whose subject lies in the poems of Adam Zagajewski, as well as the cycle of printed graphics on Alberto Savinio’s war diary Departure of the Argonaut.

Rafael Jablonka is a German art dealer, gallerist and curator. Elsy Lahner has been the Curator for Contemporary Art at the Albertina Museum in Vienna since 2011. Klaus Albrecht Schröder has been the General Director of the Albertina Museum in Vienna since 2017.
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Hugo van der Goes (c. 1440–1482) was the most important Netherlandish artist of the second half of the 15th century. His innovative pictorial compositions are characterised by monumental figures and realistic narrative moments. They paved the way for the development of Netherlandish painting during the following centuries.
Around 1500, Lucas Cranach the Elder steps onto the world stage – in Vienna. The publication explores this, the artist’s earliest period of work and presents all the paintings he produced during this time, their expressiveness radically different from the courtly-elegant compositions he subsequently produced as court painter in Wittenberg.

Rediscovered! Charlotte Berend-Corinth, an unfairly neglected artist

Lucas Cranach the Elder (1472–1553) produced his earliest works around 1500 in Vienna, shortly before moving to Wittenberg to become court painter to the Elector of Saxony. These brilliant paintings, drawings, and woodcuts document both the thirty-year-old’s close contacts with the humanist circles of Konrad Celtis and Johannes Cuspinian, and identify him as a precursor of the so-called Danube School.

Guido Messling
Curator for German painting at the Picture Gallery
of the Kunsthistorisches Museum Vienna.

Kerstin Richter
Director of the Oskar Reinhart Collection
Am Römerholz in Winterthur.

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Berend-Corinth pursued a remarkable career with ultra-modern, radical subjects in the Berlin of the 1910s and 1920s until her Jewish descent compelled her to leave Germany and to emigrate to the United States. Her early work, in which she captured the permissive mood of the Berlin art and theatre scene during the 1910s and 1920s, represents one main area of focus, as do the later portraits of famous personalities of her time and some of her remarkable self-portraits, still lifes and landscape pictures.

Andrea Jahn
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Quite apart from her position as the wife and model of Lovis Corinth (1858–1925), Charlotte Berend-Corinth (1880–1967) shone as an artist and was, like Käthe Kollwitz, one of the few women members of the Berlin Secession. This bibliophile monograph is dedicated to the highly gifted, successful and unfairly neglected artist and presents an impressive synopsis of her oeuvre.
The turn of the 19th century was a golden age for Polish art. The publication features about 130 masterpieces of painting from this era between nineteenth-century decadence and a new beginning, and describes its roots in Polish history, culture and nature as well as the close connections with wider European art scenes.

A discovery: Polish Symbolism between decadence and a new beginning

Polish painting around 1900 carries us into a world of myths and legends, into dream-like landscapes, old traditions and customs, into the depths of the human soul. In a nation without its own state – until its independence in 1918 Poland was partitioned between Russia, Prussia and Austria-Hungary – a young generation of artists emerged to renew painting. Thus they created a common identity, while at the same time joining forces with the European avant-gardes.
For some time now, tense situations have characterised our everyday lives. From curfews and violence to the search for our own identity, we are constantly in the process of seeking re-orientation. Art symbolises the uncertainty and the instability which we experience on a daily basis. In addition to numerous illustrations of the works, the catalogue also includes short statements by the artists in which they comment on their works, thereby complementing their artistic oeuvre.

Alessandra Nappo has been the curator for contemporary art at the Staatsgalerie Stuttgart since 2020.

In its new presentation of the collection, the Staatsgalerie Stuttgart establishes a dialogue between works from the private Scharff-Stiebich collection and works from its own stocks. Contemporary positions and works since the 1960s which gain a new topicality through the retrospective view, make clear the complexity and contradictory nature of our society.

Highly topical: the tense situation of our society reflected in art

A colourful journey through 70 years of American art

The multifaceted wealth of some 70 years of American abstraction offers a glimpse of influential individual works and groups of artists like the New York School and the Washington Color School. The expressive interplay of forms confronts rigorous geometric compositions; picturesque works enter into a dialogue with sculptural objects. Despite their diversity, the 110 works by 45 artists emphasise above all a great delight in colour.

This lavishly illustrated publication shows outstanding works of postwar American art prior to the opening of the Museum Reinhard Ernst in Wiesbaden. From Josef Albers via Helen Frankenthaler to Andy Warhol and Julian Schnabel, they illustrate the impressive variety of abstract positions on the other side of the Atlantic.
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The monograph traces the development of this remarkable artist. From an early stage he crossed the borders of the traditional genre divisions in art, becoming an inspiration and role model for many contemporary artists today. Ultimately, Luther’s art collection, extending from Beuys to Ad Reinhard, testifies to an unconventional and open mind that continues to deserve to be rediscovered. The publication closes the gaps in research and attempts a new assessment of Luther’s artistic achievements.

Magdalena Broska has been the Head of Research at the Adolf-Luther-Stiftung, Krefeld, since 1990. She has published numerous publications on the work of Adolf Luther.

Silke von Berswordt-Wallrabe has been the Director of the Stiftung Situation Kunst, which is associated with the Ruhr-Universität Bochum, since 2005.

Markus Heinzelmann has been Professor of Museum Practice with a focus on international contemporary art at the Ruhr-Universität Bochum since 2021.

Light and space, transparency and beauty were the ideals in the art of Adolf Luther (1912–1990). More than many another artist, his numerous light integrations and optically fascinating concave-mirror objects left their mark on the reality and aesthetics of the Bonn Republic. This magnificent volume provides a new look at his works and their development.

Comprehensive monograph on the impressive light and object art of Adolf Luther

Wherever we are is Museum – EVA & ADELE, in the focus of public attention for 30 years

EVA & ADELE requested one of two Polaroids taken by the public – co-performers – including a signature. Based on this they created a group of important drawings and paintings which they developed in the subsequent artistic process and have continued until today. The publication forms the work complex CUM in its entirety; the volume is completed by valuable text contributions by Robert Fleck, Lisa Schmidt-Herzog and Marcus Steinweg.

Nicole Gnesa is founder and owner of the Munich contemporary art gallery Nicole Gnesa.

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Mesmerized Movement: The Subtle Handling of Light in Pavel Odvody’s Work

The black and white photographs by Pavel Odvody (*1953) fuse sensibility, memory and fantasy in an original manner. His exploration of the psyche, beyond the body, is what gets under the observer’s skin. Moments of nakedness, staged in magical double exposures, wraithlike patterns or silhouettes of light, reveal the human being in their multifaceted manifestation.

A dialogue between geometry and the order of our cosmos: Eduardo Terrazas visual striking images

Eduardo Terrazas has explored a lifetime’s worth of questions about the nature of the universe through the microcosm of his images. He derives his visual reflections with a basic geometric structure and a technique that is inspired by the Huichol tablas from Mexican indigenous tribes. His highly colourful and playful series Possibilities of a Structure – of which Cosmos is a subseries – has been an ongoing project since 1974 and comprises over 650 works until today; an artistic exploration of the boundaries of the infinite.
At the centre of René Myrha’s (*1939) expressive oeuvre lie landscapes and rigorous compositional room perspectives which are transformed into stage-like settings. They form the scenery for the choreography of his figures. Myrha examines them through specific media in drawings, oil, acrylic, sculpture and reliefs.

From the princely riding arena to Vienna’s new art hot spot: The Heidi Horten Collection

Heidi Horten’s art collection has been carefully built up since the early 1990s and presents its main focus on works of international modernism, Neo-Expressionism and American Pop-Art. The volume examines the previous historical buildings, their princely clients, the current redesign and the conversion of a former secular residential outbuilding into a contemporary art museum. In an interview with Heidi Goëss-Horten the collector and patron introduces herself and provides fascinating insights into a prestigious European private collection.

A new art location will be opening in the heart of Vienna in the spring of 2022. The museum for the famous collection of Heidi Goëss-Horten will be completed between the Albertina and the Opera House. The first museum publication is dedicated to the creation of this new exhibition venue, its architecture and construction history, positioning it within the context of the foundation of new museums.
Friedl Dicker-Brandeis (1889–1944) was a painter, art teacher and politically active poster artist. The lavishly illustrated volume positions her work within the framework of Classic Modernism and shows how versatile she was as an artist. She was persecuted by the Nazi regime and tried until the end to encourage children in the ghetto of Theresienstadt to draw. The various text contributions describe the particular characteristics of her artistic work as well as the art therapy which she developed.

Brigitte Reutner-Doneus is an exhibition curator and head of the collection of prints and photographs in the Lentos Kunstmuseum Linz.

Hemma Schmutz is the artistic director of the Lentos Kunstmuseum Linz.

The exceptional artist Friedl Dicker-Brandeis and her wide-ranging achievements

Friedl Dicker-Brandeis (1889–1944) was one of the most important students of the Weimar Bauhaus. Initially she specialised in textile and graphic design, then later worked as an interior designer. Her paintings reflect her profound study of the classical avant-garde. The publication traces in detail the wide-ranging creative achievements of an artist who also suffered political persecution.

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“Tomorrow, however, in the search for a new dimension of art, we shall also have to seek out new spaces”
Heinz Mack, 1959

Sophia Sotke’s in-depth presentation traces an arc from the conception of the project in 1958/59 via the sensational film Tele-Mack (1968) and the subsequent Expedition into Artificial Gardens of 1976 in Algeria and Greenland to the artistic experiments which Mack carried out in the Wahiba Desert in Oman in 1997. The question regarding the importance of the Sahara Project in Mack’s oeuvre is examined together with his role in the development of Land Art. Hitherto unpublished photos of the expeditions into the desert and the Arctic regions provide new insights.

Sophia Sotke is a scientific assistant in Heinz Mack’s studio and wrote her doctoral thesis on the subject of his Sahara Project at Cologne University.

Heinz Mack’s Sahara Project is legendary. In 1968 he installed for the first time light columns with a height of up to 11 metres which reflected and mirrored the glaring sunlight in the Tunisian desert. Nature and object fused to create an artwork of breathtaking beauty. This comprehensive volume records the history and ideas of this spectacular project over four decades.
Stenner was born in Bielefeld and belonged to the circle of Westphalian Expressionists as well as the “Hölzel Circle”. His career began very promisingly. In 1913, Stenner was already participating in important exhibitions in Germany and abroad, his works were shown beside those of artists like Egon Schiele and Max Slevogt. In the next year, only a few months before he died in the war, he executed the cycle of wall paintings in the entrance hall of the Werkbund exhibition in Cologne – now destroyed – together with Oskar Schlemmer and Willi Baumeister.

Christoph Wagner is Professor of Art History at the University of Regensburg. His numerous publications on modern art have earned him an international attention.

Lavishly illustrated artist monograph on a pioneer of German Expressionism

The painter Hermann Stenner (1891–1914) was one of the outstanding talents of the 20th century. It is impressive to note that he achieved his rapid artistic development and distinct pictorial language during just five years of study and creative work. His remarkably extensive oeuvre is being rediscovered today following his death at an early age during the First World War.

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Michaela Appel is Senior Curator of South Asia, Southeast Asia and Australia in the Museum Fünf Kontinente Munich and has carried out research into the history of collections, object biographies and the symbolic meaning of artefacts.

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