

PRESS RELEASE

New inventory of the Kunstsammlung der Berliner Volksbank

With the new inventory, the KUNSTFORUM der Berliner Volksbank gGmbH looks back on the 37-year history of the Kunstsammlung der Berliner Volksbank (Art Collection of the Berliner Volksbank), which has its roots in one of the most interesting corporate collections in Germany. The extensive publication highlights the art historical and cultural policy relevance of this collection.

The original leitmotif "Images of People - Images for People" still forms the conceptual basis for the Kunstsammlung der Berliner Volksbank, which was founded in 1985. The first work entered the collection in 1986: Ludwig Gabriel Schrieber's marble sculpture *Sich Umschauende* from 1973 formed the beginning of a collection of figurative art after 1950 that today encompasses around 1,500 works by 160 artists. The spotlight is on paintings, sculptures, works on paper and prints by artists from Berlin, Brandenburg and East Germany. By now, East and West German positions are equally represented, with the current focus of the collection being on figurative art from the 1980s and 1990s.

On more than 300 pages, the inventory illustrates not only a detailed list of works but also biographies of the artists, a chronological presentation of the history of the collection and essays by Angelika Richter (art and cultural scientist/curator/rector of the Weissensee University of the Art in Berlin), Christoph Tannert (exhibition curator/art critic), Wolfgang Ullrich (art scholar/freelance author) and an interview with Rüdiger Küttner (former director of the Staatlicher Kunsthandel der DDR (State Art Trade of the GDR) and Felix Brusberg (detective officer/managing director of the Galerie Brusberg).

Artists in the Kunstsammlung der Berliner Volksbank:

Gisela Achterberg, Hermann Albert, Gerhard Altenbourg, Horst Antes, Armando, Elvira Bach, Romen Banerjee, Volker Bartsch, Georg Baselitz, Kerstin Baudis, Annemirl Bauer, Hans Bellmer, Ingrid Bertel, Rolf Biebl, Norbert Bisky, Gloria Brand, Gudrun Brüne, Claudia Busching, Manfred Butzmann, Luciano Castelli, Peter Chevalier, Fritz Cremer, Karl-Heinz Dennig, Christa Dichgans, Bernhard Dörries, Hartwig Ebersbach, Burghild Eichheim, E.R.N.A., Rolf Faber, Rainer Fetting, Wieland Forster, FRANEK, Dan Freudenthal, Günther Friedrich, Klaus Fußmann, Albrecht Gehse, Hubertus Giebe, Sighard Gille, Otto Gleichmann, Dieter Goltzsche, René Graetz, Reinhardt Grimm, Hans-Hendrik Grimmling, Clemens Gröszer, Johannes Grützke, Sabina Grzimek, Waldemar Grzimek, Bertold Haag, Dieter Hacker, Sylvia Hagen, Angela Hampel, Rolf Händler, Stephanus Heidacker, Martin Heinig, Frieder Heinze, Bernhard Heisig, Heinz Heisig, Burkhard Held, Werner Heldt, Sabine Heller, Anton Henning, Sabine Herrmann, Richard Heß, Gregor Hiltner, K.H. Hödicke, Thomas Hornemann, Uta Hünninger, Ingeborg Hunzinger, Horst Hüssel, Peter Janssen, Max Kaminski, Carsten Kaufhold, Barbara Keidel, Veronika Kellndorfer, Brian Kelly, Klaus Killisch, Carl-Heinz Kliemann, Konrad Knebel, Bernd Koberling, Gregor-Torsten Kozik, Karl-Heinz Krause, Annette Krisper-Bešlić, Henning Kürschner, Hans Laabs, Karl Ludwig Lange,

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