



To the press

WE ARE CELEBRATING!

25th anniversary of Kunst Halle Sankt Gallen

7/8/9 May 2010

Kunst Halle Sankt Gallen is celebrating its 25th anniversary in 2010. This anniversary is an important event for an institution and its association which, since their beginnings, have believed in the central importance of contemporary art for society. Over the course of a quarter of a century the Kunst Halle has developed from a wandering community of interests of local producers of art into an internationally recognised exhibition venue in which over 400 artists have exhibited their works. The 25th anniversary will be celebrated in style and at the same time regarded as an opportunity to gain new impetus for the future.

For this occasion there will be a **benefit exhibition** over the weekend of **8 and 9 May** at the Kunst Halle with an accompanying programme offering an opportunity to celebrate but also providing a platform for the exchange of ideas and discussion.

The exhibition features works by artists who have moulded the history of the Kunst Halle. All the works have been generously donated so as to make possible an auction for the benefit of the institution and the establishment of a foundation. The longer term purpose of the planned «Stiftung Kunst Halle Sankt Gallen» («Kunst Halle Sankt Gallen Foundation») is the financing of the exhibition programme; it is intended that especially more new works by young artists should be facilitated. As a second step it is conceivable to acquire these works with the aim of setting up a collection to preserve the traces of the Kunst Halle's work in the region.

The following artists have provided works for the benefit exhibition and auction: Christoph Büchel, Mariana Castillo Deball, Armen Eloyan, Matias Faldbakken, Ryan Gander, Georg Gatsas, Patrick Graf, Loris Gréaud, Alex Hanimann, Georg Keller, Lang/Baumann, Lutz/Guggisberg, Jonathan Meese, Josef Felix Müller, Shahryar Nashat, Navid Nuur, Mai-Thu Perret, Pipilotti Rist, Kilian Rüthemann, Gedi Sibony, Roman Signer, Loredana Sperini, Oscar Tuazon, Andro Wekua and David Zink Yi.

The auction of the works is then taking place on **7 June 2010** as part of the Christie's auction «Swiss Art» at Kunsthaus Zürich. This initiative is intended to make an important contribution towards the long-term consolidation of the future of Kunst Halle Sankt Gallen.

ANNIVERSARY WEEKEND PROGRAMME

Friday, 7 May, from 21:30

KUNST HALLE BIRTHDAY PARTY!

With a concert by FAI BABA, DJs Gustav and Augenwasser In cooperation with DMFA Union (artists' collective with Barbara Signer, Beni Bischof, Georg Gatsas and Michael Bodenmann).

Saturday, 8 May, 15:30

FROM HERE TO ETERNITY

Podium discussion of the past, present and future of Kunst Halle Sankt Gallen. With:

Ulrich Meinherz, Kesselhaus Josephson/Sitterwerk

Corinne Schatz, Visarte Ost and St. Gallische Kulturstiftung

Barbara Signer, artist Zürich/St. Gallen Roland Wäspe, Director of Kunstmuseum St. Gallen

Moderation: Giovanni Carmine, Director of Kunst Halle Sankt Gallen

Sunday, 9 May, 14.00-16.00

KUNST HALLE & FRIENDS

The Verein Schweizerischer Institutionen für Zeitgenössische Kunst (Association of Swiss Institutions for Contemporary Art), of which Kunst Halle Sankt Gallen is also a member, is introducing itself. With presentations by: Sabine Schaschl (Kunsthhaus Baselland), Pascal Ruedin (Musée d'art du Valais), Oliver Kielmayer (Kunsthalle Winterthur), Fanni Fetzner (Kunsthhaus Langenthal), Helen Hirsch (Kunstmuseum Thun), Véronique Bacchetta (Centre d'edition contemporaine Genève), Barbara Zürcher (Haus für Kunst Uri), Valentine Reymond (Musée jurassien des Arts), Sabine Rusterholz (Kunsthhaus Glarus), Philippe Pirotte (Kunsthalle Bern), Arthur de Pury (Centre d'Art, Neuchâtel) and others.

Opening times: Sat/Sun 11.00-17.00

Free entry to the Kunst Halle over the anniversary weekend

Giovanni Carmine (carmine@k9000.ch) and Maren Brauner (brauner@k9000.ch) will be pleased to answer your questions or provide further information.

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Saturday and Sunday 11.00 – 17.00