



#3 Pop-up Kunsthalle zu Kiel **Closed Down. Fiona Connor, Alicja Kwade**

5 December 2025 to 18 January 2026

The Kunsthalle has been closed since autumn 2023 due to extensive renovation work, and the building will remain closed for several years. However, before construction work begins in spring 2026, art will be displayed at the Kunsthalle one final time. For this occasion, the private Haus N collection has generously made its inventory of contemporary works available to us.

The exhibition *Closed Down* opens with works by artists Fiona Connor and Alicja Kwade. The title is inspired by Fiona Connor's piece *Closed Down Clubs, Brooklyn, CS-01308-FC 2020*, which presents a detailed replica of the double doors of a former club in Brooklyn, New York. The club had to close permanently due to the coronavirus pandemic. The exact replication of everyday objects is a central element of Connor's work. By doing so, she draws attention to things often overlooked in daily life and allows her objects to carry the history of a particular community — in this case, club culture.

Alicja Kwade also works with the concept of imitation. In her 2010 piece *Kohle (1 T Rekord)* (Coal (1 T Rekord)), she recreates briquettes from the Rekord brand. She has these briquettes cast in bronze and then coated with gold leaf. This creates a sophisticated play on the dual meaning of the German word 'Kohle (coal)' and the cultural history of these two materials, which have been valued very differently over time: gold as a precious metal for jewellery and investment, and coal as a fossil fuel increasingly being phased out due to its environmental impact.

Curated by Dr. habil. Regina Göckede and Muriel Meyer

Location: Glass porch of the Kunsthalle zu Kiel, Düsternbrooker Weg 1, 24105 Kiel

Hours: the exhibition is viewable at all hours

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