



PRESS RELEASE

DIETRICH KLINGE

November 12th 2008 – January 24th 2009

Expressivity, Strength, Power and Lushness are definitely the attributes that suit most to describe the sculptures of the internationally renowned German artist **Dietrich Klinge** (*1954 in Heiligenstadt). His interpretation of the human body does not fit into one certain category, in fact his sculptures mirror the artist's constant reflection and inspiration, that he gains from the different periods of art-history and non-European cultures.

Inspired by impressions of our cultural history, the sculptures are catching with their humanity; they show the human being in its whole physical variety: standing, sitting, laying or crouching, straight or being lost. Heads are placed like masks on these massive bodies, and faces appear to be divinities from another world and remind somehow in statues of African or South-American cultures. Their room-filling choppiness in combination with their massive bodily presence is providing the sculptures of **Dietrich Klinge** with an own typical dynamic.

This tension between quiet and motion is still emphasized by the used material. The artist carves his archetypes in wood, afterwards they are casted in bronze and provided with an individual patina to become perfect. With this unique technique the wooden structures of the original material are still visible in the final art work. Expressive busts, heads, hands, feet and figures are formed, which are inimitably transferring the fugacity of the natural material wood to permanency of bronze.

From November 12th 2008 until January 24th 2009, DIE GALERIE will present large, medium-sized and small sculptures of **Dietrich Klinge**, for example *Gordian I*, *Büste Mada II* and *Kopf 165* in a large exhibition in its own show-rooms in Grüneburgweg 123, 60323 Frankfurt on the Main.

Additionally to the presentation of new sculptures, the artist will also show a special series of three heads together with their wooden models, to illustrate the process from the first prototype to the final bronze sculpture.

The opening will be taking place on November 12th 2008 from 6.30 p. m. The artist will be present.

Simultaneously to this exhibition, monumental sculptures of **Dietrich Klinge** will be shown until December 31st 2008 in the Archaeological Garden in Frankfurt, located between Römerberg and Schirn.

A bilingual catalogue (German/ Italian) has been published.

The copying of the mentioned works is free.

Exhibition Opening November 12th 2008, from 6.30 p. m.

Gallery Opening times Monday until Friday, 9 a. m. until 6 p. m.
Saturday, 10 a. m. until 2 p. m.

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