

PRESS RELEASE concerning the exhibition:

IGOR MITORAJ

18th of June – 30th of August 2008

The artistic work of **Igor Mitoraj**, born in 1944 in the German town Oederan, is a poetic journey to the long departed classic ancient world. His sculptures made of marble or bronze possess a perfectly well-proportioned physiognomy and are therefore reminding of the ideal proportions of classic art.

Mitoraj refers to the complete range of ancient deities and heros from classic mythology. But his sculptures are in spite of all their perfection dedicated to the downfall, they are just leftovers from a time that has long passed away. **Mitoraj**, that means "paradise", is telling his spectators about perfection and the happy natural condition of mankind. But the world has developed and is constantly changing, and so **Mitoraj**'s witnesses are looking back in quiet melancholy. These traces of destruction of the wholeness, of perfection, are visible in the aesthetic fragmentation of the sculptures. The physiognomy is broken, the surface of several sculptures is torn and there, where the surface of a figure is opened, some other little scenes are showing up. Hands and heads are wrapped with bandages like mummies.

They are all telling us of the long departed époque of the ancient world, of cultures and places that are gone for a long time. The idea of fugacity is waiting behind a flawless front. This tightrope walk between aesthetics and fugacity, between perfection and brokenness is the leitmotiv of **Igor Mitoraj**, that brings his sculptures in a matchless way to our world.

DIE GALERIE is showing an assortment of his works from June 18th till August 30th in and in front of the gallery in Grüneburgweg 123 as well as in the heart of Frankfurt city, for example the large-sized sculptures *Eros Bendato screpolato, Porta Italica* and *Corazza* in the area Kaiserstraße, corner Gallusanlage, in front of the European Central Bank.

The introduction at the opening will be spoken by head of cultural department Prof. Felix Semmelroth. The artist will be present.

The copy of the mentioned works is free.

Vernissage June 18th, 6h30 p. m.

Opening hours Monday till Friday, 9 - 6 p. m.

Saturday, 10 - 2 p. m

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