

Press Release

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DIE GALERIE opens Dependance at Seoul, Korea

DIE GALERIE presents group exhibition *Figurative Korean Art* in Frankfurt/ Main

After four years with regular fair participations in Korean International Art Fair (KIAF) the leading German gallery DIE GALERIE with headquarter in Frankfurt/Main is going to open its first dependence **DIE GALERIE Seoul** in the Korean capital. On the occasion of the official opening on February 6th, 2009, the German Ambassador Dr. Norbert Baas will kick off with an opening speech to the first presented exhibition *Figurative German Art* with paintings and sculptures of leading contemporary representatives as Gerhard Richter, Georg Baselitz, A.R. Penck, Markus Lüpertz, Jörg Immendorff, Volker Stelzmann and other artists.

In direct cultural exchange of both countries, DIE GALERIE presents in Frankfurt/Main the large group exhibition ***Figurative Korean Art*** from January 28th to March 28th, 2009. The opening speech will be held by Mr. Ph. Roh Taekang, Head of the Culture Department of the Embassy of the Republic of Korea.



The exhibition ranges from two of the most important representatives of the early modernism in 1950ies, **Lee Dae Won** und **Kim Tschang Yeul**, and internationally renowned artists, as **Kang Ik-Joong**, **Kwun Sun Cheol**, **Jung Byung Guk**, **Oh Chi Gyun** and **Shin Sung Hy** to different positions of the younger Korean generation with **Jeong Jong-Kie**, **Kim Min-Carla**, **Byun Sun Young**, **Yoo Junghyun** and other artists.

Therewith for the very first time contemporary Korean art will be presented in such a wide spread and high artistic quality in the region of Frankfurt/ Main – adopted country of the biggest Korean Business-Community in Germany.

The show delivers a most exciting insight into the plurality of Korean art. The works of the selected artists illustrate a dynamic and varying interplay between their own rich Korean traditions and the influences of modern European as well as American art – so to speak an artistic reflection of the rapid Korean development which is affected by the enormous economic progress, globalization as well as national and regional identity.

Press Images:



Lee Dae Won (1921-2005)
Farm
 1987
 Oil on canvas, 73 x 100 cm



Kim Tschang Yeul (*1929)
Récurrence
 2006
 Acrylic on canvas
 116 x 89 cm



Kwun Soon Cheol (*1944)
Old Woman
 1984- 2004
 Oil on canvas
 116 x 91 cm



Byung Guk Jung (*1948)
Off your Body
 2007
 Acrylic on canvas
 227 x 181 cm



Kang Ik-Joong (*1960)
White Porcelain Jar
 2007
 Mixed media on wood
 58 x 58 cm



Jeong Jong-Kie (*1961)
Their own language
 2007
 Oil on canvas
 227,3 x 181,8 cm



Byun Sun Young (*1967)
The House in the Painting, the Painting in the House
 2006
 Acrylic on canvas, in three parts
 165 x 300 cm



Yoo Junghyun (*1973)
Ungrowing silence
 2005
 Acrylic on canvas
 140 x 150 cm



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Exhibition: *Figurative Korean Art*

Duration: January 28th – March 28th, 2009

Opening: January 28th, 2009, at 6.30 p.m.

Official opening speech by Mr. Ph. Roh Taekang, Head of the Culture
Department of the Embassy of the Republic of Korea

Address: Grueneburgweg 123, 60323 Frankfurt/ Main, Germany

Opening hours: Monday to Friday 9 a.m. – 6 p.m.

Saturday 10 a.m. – 2 p.m.