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Die Galerie Opens Branch in Seoul

Exhibition Figurative Korean Art Presented in Frankfurt



Lee Dae Won's "Farm" in 1987, Oil on canvas, 73x100 cm

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 South Korean capital.

On the occasion of the official opening on Feb. 6, 2009, the German ambassador to Seoul, Dr. Norbert Baas will kick off with an opening speech to the first presented exhibition Figurative German Art with paintings and sculptures of such leading contemporary representatives as Gerhard Richter, Georg Baselitz, A.R. Penck, Markus Lüpertz, Jörg Immendorff, and Volker Stelzmann. Other artists will also participate.

In direct cultural exchange of both countries, Die Galerie presents in Frankfurt/Main the large group exhibition Figurative Korean Art from Jan. 28 to March 28, 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.



Korean artist Jung Byung Guk's
"Off Your Body" in 2007
Acrylic on canvas, 227 x 181 cm

The exhibition ranges from two of the most important representatives of the early modernism in 1950s, Lee Dae Won and Kim Tschang Yeul, and internationally renowned artists, such 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, Sun Young Byun, 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.

Based in Frankfurt, Die Galerie already has branches in such countries as Italy, the United States, and Spain. Now it is preparing to advance into the Asian market.



Korean artist Kim Tschang Yeul's
"2006 Récurrence"
Acrylic on canvas, 116 x 89 cm

The gallery has long been interested in establishing a branch in South Korea since 2007, when it took part in in the Korean International Art Fair for the fourth time.

Die Galerie Seoul, which will be located in the posh Cheongdam-dong area in the southern part of Seoul, South Korea's capital.

Die Galerie Seoul will open on Feb. 6, 2008 with an exhibition of German artists Gerhard Richter, Georg Baselitz, Werner Bittner, and A.R. Penck. It will run through April 3, 2009.

In the meantime, the Frankfurt gallery will host an exhibition of "Korean Figurative Art" from Jan. 28 to March 28, 2009, as aforementioned.