LIVING IN ART BRUT

123 Works from the HANNAH RIEGER Collection

Exhibition, 8 September to 23 October 2017

Living in Art Brut reflects Hannah Rieger's attitude towards her collection. Increasingly, she is living her life and shaping her work – as an economist, consultant for professional development, and lecturer – from within the world of Art Brut. "Living in Art Brut" has become the branding of her collection, started in 1991.

The collection comprises 425 works by 25 female and 68 male artists. Its core focuses on art from Gugging; the remaining pieces represent international Art Brut, which is currently gaining increasing attention in the art world, such as at the 57th Venice Biennale 2017. The exhibition features 123 works from the Hannah Rieger Collection, curated by Monika Jagfeld, Director of the Museum im Lagerhaus, Stiftung für schweizerische Naive Kunst und Art Brut (the Foundation for Swiss Naive Art and Art Brut) in St. Gallen, Switzerland, and in cooperation with GLOBART.

Art Brut is the term coined by the French wine merchant and artist Jean Dubuffet (1901 to 1985) for this "raw", authentic art, created primarily by self-taught artists. It remains unaffected by the tastes of current art trends and is not restricted by the Bologna requirements placed on art universities, dedicated instead to the respective artists' "individual mythologies" (Harald Szeemann). Art Brut has a long history. Or in the words of Arnulf Rainer, the greatest Austrian Art Brut collector: "Art Brut has always existed, but nobody paid any attention to it."

This exhibition is accompanied by a catalogue of the same name, edited and published by Hannah Rieger and Heidemarie Dobner.

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The artists

Perihan Arpacilar Madge Gill Dan Miller

Josef Bachler Paul Goesch Donald Mitchell

Laila Bachtiar Martha Grunenwaldt Michel Nedjar

Beverly Baker Hassan (Ousseynou Gassama) Marilena Pelosi

Pearl Blauvelt Johann Hauser Otto Prinz

Ida Buchmann Margarethe Held Heinrich Reisenbauer

Raimundo Camilo Magali Herrera André Robillard

Nek Chand Josef Hofer Karoline Rosskopf

Kashinath Chawan Gertrude Hozatko-Mediz Arnold Schmidt

Anton Dobay Aurel Iselstöger Philipp Schöpke

Guo Fengyi Franz Kamlander Günther Schützenhöfer

Jaime Fernandes Peter Kapeller Mary T. Smith

Leonhard Fink Nina Karasek Oswald Tschirtner

Alois Fischbach Franz Kernbeis Karl Vondal

Johann Fischer Fritz Koller August Walla

Franz Gableck Davood Koochaki Scottie Wilson

Jill Gallieni Johann Korec Josef Wittlich

Johann Garber Pradeep Kumar Agatha Wojciechowsky

Giordano Gelli Dwight Mackintosh Carlo Zinelli

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