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ZADIK special event at ART COLOGNE 2024: "The path to art. The Hamburg auction house Hauswedell & Nolte"

In its special event at ART COLOGNE, the ZADIK (Central Archive for German and International Art Market Studies) provides exciting insights into the activities, history and development of the Hamburg auction house Hauswedell & Nolte.

The company archive of an important auction house, founded prior to the Second World War and existing until 2016, found its way into the possession of a publicly accessible German archive for the first time when the Hamburg auction house Hauswedell & Nolte closed its doors in 2015 and handed over its business documents to the ZADIK. These documents bear witness to the almost 80-year history of the auction house, which has auctioned books and autographs, modern art, Old Masters and non-European art and cultural assets in 466 auctions. Countless objects thus found their way from Hamburg to collectors, dealers, museums and libraries throughout nearly the entire world.

The exhibition (Hall 11.1, D-19) illuminates the activities, history and development of one of the most important German auction houses of the second half of the 20th century, from its first to its last auction. On the basis of select examples, it traces the path of sold objects, examines who collected what and why, which varied participants can be involved in collecting and what traces collecting have left in the ZADIK.

These traces are of great importance for many questions in the research of the art market and provenance. Business documents from auction houses seldom become publicly accessible. However, the information contained within them offers potential for providing essential data for many fields of research, as files of the art trade are often the only surviving sources documenting change of ownership, especially in the case of private sales. The making visible of the sources and their importance is also a goal of the exhibition.

A digital guide is available for the exhibition that contains further information for visitors and can be called up with the Freshmuseum app on one's own smartphone before, during and after a visit to the exhibition.

In addition to the special event, an auction of exclusive cultural experiences will take place on 9 November at 2:00 p.m. in the ART COLOGNE TALKS LOUNGE on behalf of the ZADIK e.V. These experiences enable a look behind the scenes of the art world.



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