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Special Presentation of the LBBW Collection at ART COLOGNE 2023

**++"past is present is past" - new acquisitions of the LBBW Collection
++ Past and present placed in a changeful relationship with one another: selected works from purchases between 2018 and 2023 ++**

The works in this year's LBBW collection presentation pick up on past events and develop additional perspectives and narratives from them. The show of the LBBW, curated by Sarah Haberkorn, shows selected works by Franz Ackermann, Simon Herkner, Sven Johne, Annette Kelm, Henrike Naumann and Tobias Zielony from the purchases made between 2018 and 2023.

The thematic starting points can on the one hand be located in more recent history, such as with the documentary photographs of Tobias Zielony. In the series **Das was euch am Leben hält, ist was bei uns zu Asche zerfiel** (That which keeps you alive is what turned to ashes for us), he portrays youth cultures in eastern and western Germany against the background of the historical and societal upheavals during the period following German reunification and the early 2000s. At the same time, the look back extends to the First World War. Simon Herkner examined the scene of fighting at Verdun and created a video work and his own monuments from this experience.

Large-format installations

Two large installations also take us on different journeys through time: when entering Henrike Naumann's **Fun 2000**, visitors are transported back to the beginning of the 21st century. In the combination of store furnishings of the time, material from the (first all-German) world exposition in Hannover and interview recordings with Birgit Breuel (former President of the Treuhandanstalt and later General Commissioner of Expo 2000), she makes reference to the post-reunification era. In this way she evokes the spirit of that time and illuminates sociopolitical processes and developments.

Franz Ackermann's **Helikopter Nr. 21** looks at another aspect of German history, based on original plans of the terrorist organisation RAF. In this, the artist allows a presumed flying escape vehicle, which only existed as an idea, to become a utopian work of art.

Past and present

The relationship between past and present shapes our understanding of the world and our identity. The present reality is the result of a continuing interaction of past events, experiences and decisions. It influences the way society is designed, shapes



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our concepts of justice and injustice as well as our cultural norms. The works exhibited address these connections, make clear the topicality and significance of the past in the present and cause us to question our own perception of the past.

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About the LBBW Collection

With more than 3,000 works, the Landesbank Baden-Württemberg possesses one of the largest German corporate collections of modern and contemporary art in Germany. The LBBW Collection unites nationally and internationally recognised artistic positions. Today the focus is on works that have been produced in Germany or by German artists within the last decade. With an approach open across media, all artistic media are represented in it. The company uses various formats to make works from the collection accessible to the public. Based on thematically conceived fair presentations, the bank hopes to actively engage in a dialogue with the public - and at the same time contribute to cultural education.

ART COLOGNE takes place from 16-19 November 2023 in Cologne

The art fair starts on Thursday, 16.11.2023, with a preview and vernissage. The art fair is open for everyone from Friday, 17 to Sunday, 19.11.2023! In 2023, ART COLOGNE will also be spatially adapted and will be distributed over two levels of Hall 11 on the Cologne fair grounds.

The 56th edition of the first art fair in the world will introduce a high-quality and carefully curated programme in November 2023. Around 170 galleries and dealers will present a broad international offering of art works on four days.

You can find the complete list of exhibitors of ART COLOGNE 2023 [here](#).

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