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Koelnmesse reorganises COLOGNE FINE ART & DESIGN

Special programme "ART + OBJECT" to replace of COLOGNE FINE ART & DESIGN

Koelnmesse is reorganising its traditional Arts and Antiques fair COLOGNE FINE ART & DESIGN. Under the name ART + OBJECT, a newly conceived special programme replaces COLOGNE FINE ART & DESIGN and becomes a part of ART COLOGNE. With this reorganisation the company is responding to the changed dynamics in the art market. "The interest in our traditional Art and Antiques fair had been declining for several years. With ART + OBJECT, aspects of the traditional fair will continue into a new format," says Oliver Frese, Chief Operating Officer at Koelnmesse. "With ART COLOGNE, Cologne has an extremely strong art fair in November. ART + OBJECT will complement this further."

ART + OBJECT 2022 will present currents, epochs and disciplines not yet seen at ART COLOGNE and places them within the context of 20th and 21st century art. Emphasis here is to be placed on design and applied art, objects from antiquity, from old masters and non-European art to modern crafts. To this end, around 20 specialised dealers and galleries will be specifically approached and invited, independent of the ART COLOGNE admission process. Art Director Daniel Hug can draw on the expertise of design specialist Sebastian Jacobi, who will act as advisor and curator. The quality of the special ART + OBJECT programme will correspond to that of ART COLOGNE, which is one of the central art fairs in Europe with its top-notch participants from established and young international galleries alike.

The special section ART + OBJECT will reach a highly interested audience of new and experienced collectors at ART COLOGNE. The juxtaposition of different disciplines, cultures, and eras offers all ART COLOGNE visitors surprising and delightful encounters, creating new insights into the development and evolution of the art of the 20th and 21st centuries.

ART + OBJECT will be integrated into the presentation of Modern and Post-war galleries in Hall 11.1. of the Koelnmesse tradeshow grounds. As in previous years, ART COLOGNE will occupy the exhibition halls 11.1 and 11.2.

For all other sectors of ART COLOGNE, galleries may apply for participation in the usual way starting around March 2022. The international advisory board then decides over admissions to the ART COLOGNE.

ART COLOGNE will take place from 16 to 20 November 2022.

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About Koelnmesse:

Koelnmesse employs around 1000 people. As a city trade fair in the heart of Europe, it occupies the third largest trade fair grounds in Germany and, with almost 400,000 m² of hall and outdoor space, is among the top ten largest trade fair grounds in the world. Each year, Koelnmesse organises and manages around 80 trade fairs, guest events and special events in Cologne and in the most important markets all over the world. Its portfolio reaches over 54,000 exhibiting companies from 122 countries and around three million visitors from more than 200 nations. Until 2034, Koelnmesse is investing more than 700 million euro in the development of the trade fair grounds into the most extensive investment programme in its history, to allow it to cover all event formats in the future.

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