

Lentos Kunstmuseum

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Cool Collection Erwin Hauser 13.06. to 05.10.25



Image: Portrait of Erwin Hauser in the Kunstdepot Hauser Collection, 2025, Lentos Kunstmuseum Linz
Photo: Violetta Wakolbinger

In 2024, Erwin Hauser, Vice President of the Lentos Freunde [Friends of Lentos Association], gifted his art collection encompassing 2,994 works to the City of Linz and the Lentos. In doing so, he enabled the museum to undergo its greatest expansion since its foundation through the acquisition of the Wolfgang Gurlitt Collection in 1953.

To mark the occasion, Lentos is presenting a first best-of exhibition, providing insights into the history of its creation and showcasing the highlights of this outstanding collection of predominantly Austrian artists which the Linz-based entrepreneur has built up over the past 25 years using his expert judgement.

The tour through art history begins in a specially designed “Studiolo” with spectacular landscapes, portraits and genre depictions from the 19th century. The expressive, at times bizarre painting of the interwar years is supplanted by the dream worlds of the Viennese Phantasts. Monumental canvases created by the abstract painters of the 1950s can be seen alongside masterpieces by the Neue Wilde [New Fauves], neo-expressionists who dominated art in the 1980s and compete and enter into dialogue with three-dimensional objects. Other rooms are dedicated to Viennese Actionism and contemporary female artists who are once again defying the boundaries of art.

The Erwin Hauser Collection, considered to be among the most important private collections in Austria, comprises paintings, sculptures, photographs and drawings by some 700 Austrian artists from the 19th century to the present day.

Artists

Friedrich von Amerling, Siegfried Anzinger, Joannis Avramidis, Stephan Balkenhol, Josef Bauer, Tina Blau, Herbert Brandl, Arik Brauer, Klemens Brosch, Günter Brus, Sevda Chkoutova, Gunter Damisch, Inge Dick, Gerhild Diesner, Christian Eisenberger, Albin Egger-Lienz, Marie Egner, VALIE EXPORT, Adolf Frohner, Ernst Fuchs, Helene Funke, Gelitin, Roland Goeschl, Bruno Gironcoli, Franz Grabmayr, Helmuth Gsöllpointner, Xenia Hausner, Rudolf Hausner, Gottfried Helnwein, Karl Hofer, Wolfgang Hollegga, Karen Holländer-Schnur, Theodor von Hörmann, Alfred Hrdlicka, Friedensreich Hundertwasser, Jörg Immendorff, Martha Jungwirth, Birgit Jürgenssen, Johanna Kandl, Kiki Kogelnik, Anton Kolig, Zenita Komad, Brigitte Kowanz, Elke Krystufek, Oskar Laske, Maria Lassnig, Anton Lehmden, Constantin Luser, Karl Mediz, Emilie Mediz-Pelikan, Josef Mikl, Carl Moll, Alois Mosbacher, Hermann Nitsch, Oswald Oberhuber, August von Pettenkofen, Helga Philipp, Markus Prachensky, Arnulf Rainer, Johann Baptist Reiter, Annerose Riedl, Gerwald Rockenschaub, Anton Romako, Hubert Scheibl, Emil Jakob Schindler, Eva Schlegel, Hubert Schmalix, Ramona Schnekenburger, Martin Schnur, Ludwig Schwarzer, Franz Sedlacek, Daniel Spoerri, Hans Staudacher, Curt Stenvert, Esther Stocker, Gabi Trinkaus, Ferdinand Georg Waldmüller, Max Weiler, Lois Weinberger, Franz West, Alfred Wickenburg, Fritz Wotruba, Erwin Wurm, Othmar Zechyr, Heimo Zobernig, Franz von Zülow, among many others.

Credits

Exhibition Concept/Curator: Elisabeth Nowak-Thaller
Exhibition Design: Magnus Hofmüller

Dates

Press conference: Thursday, 12.06.2025, 11:00am
Opening: Thursday, 12.06.2025, 07:00pm

Publication

The exhibition is accompanied by a catalog with texts by Gerda Ridler, Angela Stief, Elisabeth Nowak-Thaller, Sandra Eichinger, Hans Otto Ressler, Lothar Schultes and Franz Smola. 304 pages, € 38

Images

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