

Lentos Kunstmuseum

The Unfamiliar

On an artistic approach to diversity

06.10.23 to 04.02.24

This exhibition presents works from the photo collection of the Museums of the City of Linz: from early expeditions to faraway regions and MAGNUM documentary photography of the 1950s through to contemporary explorations of the concepts of “homeland” and “migration” as well as the construction of identity and gender.

It is said that our lives are a reflection of others. What is alien often appears threatening to us. How can we manage to embrace different perceptions of the world without revealing our very own identity? Even today, the exclusion of those who are different – or quite simply of other individuals – can frequently be traced back to the gender divide, sexual identity, or the external characteristics of people of diverse origins. In the process, cultural constructs often have a lingering effect, trapping these “others” in rigid perceptions of their individual roles.

The works selected from the photo collection of the Museums of the City of Linz and from private collections on the wide-ranging topic of “foreigners” forge far-reaching dialogues. With the aid of the works selected, we are attempting to build bridges to bygone times and distant cultures and to raise awareness of common stereotypes associated with the abasement and exclusion of social groups. In doing so, concepts such as Othering, Orientalism, Colonialism, Marginalisation and Classism surface.

The exhibition features works by Özlem Altin, Joerg Auzinger, Laurien Bachmann, Alfredo Barsuglia, Renate Billensteiner, Elisabeth Czihak, Canan Dagdelen, Ricarda Denzer, Eva & Adele, Bernhard Fuchs, Nilbar Güreş, Tatiana Lecomte, Erich Lessing, Hans Kupelwieser, Inge Morath, Shirin Neshat, Elisabeth Peterlik, Otto Saxinger and Lisa Spalt, Klaus Peter Scheuringer, Ingeborg Strobl, Engin Uzunkaya and Marko Zink and others.

Program

Guided tours

Every 2nd Sun of the month 3pm

Cost: € 4 plus admission, duration 1 hour

Expert talk

Thu 19.10.23 6.30-7.30pm

The curator of the exhibition Brigitte Reutner-Doneus in conversation with the photo artist Otto Saxinger.

Cost: € 4 plus admission

Registration required online at lentos.at or +43 732 7070 3614

Guided tour with sign language interpreter

Sat 11.11.23 4-5pm

Free admission and guided tour for the deaf

Playing with identities

Reflection and discussion round

Thu 12.10.23 each 6-7.30pm

Thu 23.11.23

Thurs 30.11.23

Thu 14.12.23

A reflection on the exhibition terms "stranger", "identity" and "culture" by means of joint text reading, art viewing and creative-critical inputs from invited guests. At the end we will produce "thought messages" for other visitors. On the last date: lecture performance by students of the University of Art, BA Cultural Studies and MA Media Culture & Art Theories.

The dates can be booked individually or as a series.

For all interested parties

Costs: Museum admission only

School

Research Workshop: Tinkering with identities

Why are some people perceived as "foreign" and what effects does that have? Is something "typical" of one's own culture and what does it mean that we ourselves sometimes feel foreign? Together we make "thought messages" for other visitors.

For all school levels

Duration can be chosen: 1 hour, 1.5 or 2 hours.

Cost: € 4, 5 or 6

Facts & Figures

Exhibition title	The Unfamiliar On an artistic approach to diversity
Exhibition periode	06.10.2023 to 04.02.2024
Curator	Brigitte Reunter-Doneus
Publication	The exhibition is accompanied by a catalogue with texts in German by Hemma Schmutz, Angela Koch and Brigitte Reutner-Doneus and numerous colour illustrations. 64 pages, € 15 This and other publications are available in the Lentos Shop or online (shop.museenderstadtlinz.at).
Venue	Basement
Opening hours	Tue-Sun 10am-6pm, Thu 10am-8pm Mon closed, special opening hours can be found on www.lentos.at
Admission	€ 11, reduced € 9 / € 5
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