

Press release

New Director at Max Ernst Museum Brühl des LVR from October 1, 2022

Brühl, August 17, 2022. After 16 years of successful work as museum director of the Max Ernst Museum, **Dr Achim Sommer** (born 1956), will retire and leave his position at the end of August 2022.

With more than 60 renowned exhibitions, e.g. on Neo Rauch (2007), Tomi Ungerer (2008), David Lynch (2009), Christo and Jeanne-Claude (2010), Niki de Saint Phalle (2012), Man Ray (2013), Tim Burton (2015), M.C. Escher (2016), Jaume Plensa (2016), Miró (2017), Ruth Marten (2018), Joana Vasconcelos (2019), Mœbius (2019), Max Beckmann (2020), the art historian aimed to show the relevance of surrealism from the classical modernism to the present and sharpened the international profile of the museum.

The Rhineland Regional Council (LVR), which administers the Max Ernst Museum, has confirmed **Madeleine Frey** (born 1984), currently director of Galerie Stadt Sindelfingen, the municipal museum for modern and contemporary art, as the new director of the Max Ernst Museum from October 1, 2022.

The Max Ernst Museum

The Max Ernst Museum Brühl des LVR is dedicated to the life and work of the seminal artist, image poet, and cosmopolitan Max Ernst (1891–1976). The modern museum building is located in Brühl next to Cologne, the birthplace of the artist.

Numerous paintings, drawings, frottages, and collages as well as an unique collection of more than 70 bronze casts and sculptures invite visitors to immerse themselves in the fantastic worlds of Max Ernst's imagination and demonstrate his boundless creativity.

The collection spans 70 years of his life: his time in Brühl and Bonn, his Dadaist activities in the Rhineland, his contributions to the Surrealist movement in France, his exile in the USA, and finally his return to Europe in 1953.

To follow actual discourses and new perspectives on surrealism and Max Ernst's art, the Max Ernst Museum organizes temporary exhibitions with international artists ranging from the classical modernism to the present.

Further Information: www.maxernstmuseum.lvr.de

Current Exhibition

Karin Kneffel – At the Moment

until August 28, 2022

In Kneffel's paintings, different layers of time and perception are superimposed onto one another, which the artist condenses with the inclusion of references to the history of art, architecture and film to produce complex pictorial inventions.

Upcoming

Image. Max Ernst in Photographs

Oct 30, 2022 – Feb 12, 2023

Max Ernst was photographed in various contexts and situations. Private snapshots, classic portraits, and staged arrangements with artist friends tell of his multifaceted personality. The upcoming exhibition presents the museum's extensive collection of photographs by Man Ray, Lee Miller, Henri Cartier-Bresson, Berenice Abbott, Robert Lebeck, and others.

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