

Press Release
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GERHARD RICHTER
PAINTINGS FROM PRIVATE COLLECTIONS
The MKM is exhibiting some 80 key works from 1963-2007

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Ladies and Gentlemen,

From **May 21 to August 23, 2009**, the MKM is showcasing one of the most important and influential artists of our time: **Gerhard Richter**. Entitled "Paintings from Private Collections", this exhibition features **some 80 paintings which originated in the years from 1963 to 2007**, and comprises some of artist's key works, drawn from the **Böckman** (Berlin), **Burda** (Baden-Baden) and **Ströher** (MKM / Darmstadt) collections. Among the paintings on loan from the Ströher Collection are early masterpieces such as "Family at the Seaside" or "Cow". In addition, Gerhard Richter is also making available to the exhibition works in his own possession.

The exhibition is presenting Richter's groundbreaking oeuvre in all its complexity, including works rarely accessible to the general public. On view are canvases charting the artist's major periods, ranging from his early photo-paintings to the large-scale abstracts of recent years. Essentially Gerhard Richter's primary interest is the medium of painting and the exploration of its possibilities and limitations, of determination and chance, and of the impact of colour. The presentation of his oeuvre in the rooms of the Küppersmühle Museum, designed by Herzog & de Meuron, was planned by Gerhard Richter himself using a model, and, in collaboration with museum director Walter Smerling, he has supervised the hanging. As a complement to the exhibition, the MKM's collection room, boasting other key works by Richter from the Ströher Collection, will remain open to visitors.

Götz Adriani has designed the exhibition and the accompanying catalogue, which is published by **Hatje Cantz**. Featuring minor variations, the exhibition has already been on tour at the Museum Frieder Burda, Baden-Baden, Edinburgh's National Gallery Complex and at the Albertina, Vienna.

The exhibition has been made possible with the generous support of the **National-Bank AG**, the GEBAG Duisburg and Willis GmbH & Co. KG. Responsible for the organisation is the Stiftung für Kunst und Kultur e.V. Bonn. The show will be opened on **20 May at 7 pm** by the President of the German Bundestag **Prof. Dr. Norbert Lammert**.

With kindest regards



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Press conference: Wednesday, 20 May 2009, 11 am, Museum Küppersmühle
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