

The 1st European Lithography Days in Munich August 30th to September 4th, 2005 An event organized by the Münchner Künstlerhaus Lenbachplatz 8 80333 München

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The Concept

The 1st European Lithography Days in Munich will provide a platform to artists, gallerists, collectors and printers for a direct and substantial exchage about the contemporary position of lithography in Europe. Through establishing new contacts, giving talks and engaging in open discussions we hope to create a basis for the further development of the qualities of lithography. By inviting everyone to actively participate in this event, we hope to educate the general public about lithography and all that this little-known technique has to offer. The intended result of doing so is to inspire a deeper appreciation of lithography, dispel any myths and to thereby ensure its preservation – all while having fun and experimenting with something new.

1. "slow food", the Münchner Künstlerhaus Print Portfolio

From January to June, 2005, six artists will work with two printers at STEINDRUCK MÜNCHEN to produce twelve editions of large-scale lithographs from stone.

Participating artists are: Stephan Baumkötter (Cologne), Reinhold Budde (Bremen), Wolfgang Ellenrieder (Munich), Michaela Melian (Munich), Norbert Prangenberg (Munich) and Gesa Puell (Munich). The portfolio will be exhibited at the Staatlichen Graphischen Sammlung, Pinakothek der Moderne, from August to September, 2005.

Size: 120 x 80 cm Paper: BFK Rives, 300 Gram Edition: 30 +10, black and white, colour Print: Sarah Dudley and Ulrich Kühle

2. Exhibitions during the 1st European Lithography Days in Munich

Münchner Künstlerhaus/Workshop STEINDRUCK MÜNCHEN, www.kuenstlerhaus-muc.de, www.druckgrafik.de

"QUERBEET" an exhibition of lithographs by workshop artists, including former artists-in-residence

Courtyard

An exhibition of lithographic stones (from the publishing house in Ravensburg) used for book illustrations

Staatliche Graphische Sammlung, Pinakothek der Moderne, www.pinakothek.de

July to October: "BILDER VOM STEIN". Lithography in the 19th century and today August to September: "slow food" the Münchner Künstlerhaus Print Portfolio

Kunstpavillon at the Old Botanical Garden, Munich, www.kunst-pavillon.org

An exhibition of lithographs from the Senefelder Foundation Prizewinners Collection

Bayerisches Landesvermessungsamt, www.geodaten.bayern.de

The Bavarian Geographic Surveyors Board in collaboration with e.a.münchen, will exhibit results from the european competition "TOPOGRAPHY". Prizewinners will be announced at the opening of the show on Friday, September 2nd

Verein für Original-Radierung München e.V., www.radierverein.de

"KÜNSTLERBÜCHER", an exhibition of artist's books

Akademie der Bildenden Künste, München, www.adbk.mhn.de Lithographs by the students of Karl Imhof, lithography profesor, Munich

3. Print demonstration and Excursions

Over the course of the five days, the lithography workshop and the courtyard at the Münchner Künstlerhaus will become a veritable "Learning and Experimenting Centre", where everyone is welcome to come and try their hand at lithography.

Five presses will be set up where expert printers will demonstrate special techniques. There will also be plenty of opportunities for printers, gallerists, collectors, artists and all who are interested in fine art printing, to learn, experiment, exchange information and to see and purchase a wide range of lithographic works. A special Children and Youth Day will be organized. All printers have the possibility to present themselves with work from their workshop. Karl Imhof, lithography professor at the Akademie der Bildenden Künste Munich, will demonstrate printing on a fast-printing press in his studio and there will be excursions to the Fossilien- und Steindruck Museum, (Fossil and Lithography Museum) in Gunzenhausen and to the archive of stones at the institution of the Board of Geographic Surveyors.

4. Information and Discussion

Talks and Panel Discussion

Talks

During the 1st European Lithography Days in Munich there will be talks about lithography at the Münchner Künstlerhaus, the Kunstpavillon and other venues. Specialist information, talks and workshop discussions will provide along with the panel discussion plenty of food for thought.

Panel Discussion at the Münchner Künstlerhaus on Saturday, September 3rd, 2005

Today lithography is seldom used by European artists. Faster, cheaper and less complicated methods of printing allow artists to produce and reproduce high quality work. Why is lithography rarely used and in which direction does it need to develop in order to survive the digital age and avoid being remembered only in museums?

Lynn Allen, artist and Tamarind Master Printer (Albuquerque, New Mexico), Svenrobert Lunquist, former director of the Kunsthalle Göteborg (Sweden) and Robbert Jan Blekemolen, technical manager of the Rijksakademie, Amsterdam (Netherlands) have agreed to discuss these questions and provide answers about the future of lithography. Dr. Flemmer (Munich), president of the Bayerische Akademie für Fernsehen will coordinate the discussion.