

**Invitation to the Press Conference  
28 January 2010, 11 a.m.**

**Curious ?  
21<sup>st</sup>-Century Art from Private Collections  
29 January – 2 May 2010**

For the first time since its inauguration in 1992, the Art and Exhibition Hall of the Federal Republic of Germany is honouring the commitment of private collectors with a major exhibition presenting a selection of 145 works by 57 artists from 15 private collections in Germany, France and Switzerland.

Why *Curious?* The exhibition throws into sharp relief the key questions that have shaped contemporary art and provides a glimpse of the art to come. It invites reflection and offers ample food for thought. All it takes the viewer to make use of that offer is a healthy dose of curiosity.

All the artists presented in *Curious?* unite that they develop their work on the basis of clear concepts and strategies. Entire groups of works rub shoulders with small, solitary pieces that make a specific point. The artists follow two main lines of enquiry that come to the fore in this exhibition. One gives rise to a radical paring down of form and a minimalist use of material, in which narrative is the result of the form, material and structure of the work; the other favours clearly legible figuration, the broad use of narrative devices and does not shy away from shocking or irritating imagery.

In view of the global cultural competition that marks the beginning of the 21<sup>st</sup> century, this new series of exhibitions at the Art and Exhibition Hall examines the potential relationship between public museums and private collections. Part of the remit of the Art and Exhibition Hall is to reflect the wider cultural landscape and the forward-looking forces that drive it. For this reason this exhibition marks the beginning of a long-term cooperation with leading private collectors of contemporary art both in Germany and in the neighbouring countries.

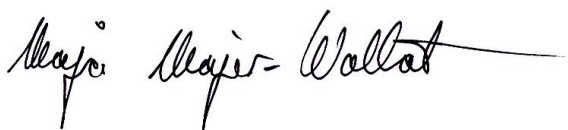
**The Press Conference will be held on 28 January 2010 at 11 a.m. in the  
Art and Exhibition Hall of the Federal Republic of Germany (admission 10 a.m.).**

Participants of the Press Conference:

- Robert Fleck, *Director, Art and Exhibition Hall of the Federal Republic of Germany*
- Rainald Schumacher, *Curator*
- Maja Majer-Wallat, *Press Officer, Art and Exhibition Hall of the Federal Republic of Germany*

Please register by Fax (+49/228/9171-211) or E-Mail ([presse@kah-bonn.de](mailto:presse@kah-bonn.de)). Extensive essays and photo material are available at the press office or [www.bundeskunsthalle.de](http://www.bundeskunsthalle.de). Please direct all requests for interviews to this office.

We are looking forward to your visit.



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**Attendance at Press Conference**       YES

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<b>Byzantium Splendour and Everyday life</b>	<b>26 February – 13 June 2010</b>
<b>Liam Gillick</b>	<b>1 April – 8 August 2010</b>
<b>Afghanistan. Surviving Treasures A Selected Collection of the National Museum of Afghanistan</b>	<b>11 June – 3 October 2010</b>
<b>Thomas Schütte</b>	<b>15 July – 7 November 2010</b>
<b>VIBRACIÓN. Modern Art from Latin America</b>	<b>17 Sep 2010 – 23 January 2011</b>
<b>Napoleon and Europe Dream and Trauma</b>	<b>17 Dec 2010 – 25 April 2011</b>

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