

BUNDESKUNSTHALLE

Invitation to a Media Conference
Thursday, 7 November 2013, 11 a.m.

1914 **The Avant-Gardes at War**

MISSING SONS **Verlorene Söhne**

The First World War is widely seen as 'the great seminal catastrophe of the twentieth century'. Worldwide seventy million soldiers were under arms; seventeen million people lost their lives. Artists were fighting at the frontline, and the war left its indelible mark on their works. Before the war, the European avant-gardes had maintained close contacts and a fruitful intellectual exchange. The outbreak of the First World War brought much of this creative ferment to a brutally abrupt end. By the time the Great War ended, the course of the key twentieth-century art movements had been set. The exhibition traces the artistic activities of this momentous period through a selection of some 300 outstanding paintings, drawings and sculptures by Beckmann, Dix, Kandinsky, Kirchner, Klee, Macke, Malevich, Marc, Picasso, Schiele, and other artists.

Taking its starting point in the First World War, the exhibition *Missing Sons* forges a link to the present. Photographs and five original works by Käthe Kollwitz mark the cultural and historical turning point that brought death and bereavement to millions of people, not only in view of wars between nations but also with regard to dictatorships, civil war and the terror attack of 11 September 2001.

We cordially invite you to a media conference on 7 November 2013 at 11 a.m.
The exhibitions open at 10 a.m.

Participants:

- Rein Wolfs, Director of the Bundeskunsthalle
- Uwe M. Schneede, Curator of the Exhibition *1914*
- Jay Winter, Curator of the Exhibition *Missing Sons*
- Angelica C. Francke, Exhibition Manager, Bundeskunsthalle
- Sven Bergmann, Press Officer of the Bundeskunsthalle

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We look forward to seeing you.

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