Invitation to a Media Conference  
Thursday, 9 September 2021, 11 am

The Rainer Werner Fassbinder Method  
A Retrospective  
10 September 2021 to 6 March 2022

Rainer Werner Fassbinder (1945-1982) was a man of many parts. The director, film producer, actor and author is considered one of the most important representatives of the New German Cinema. Like few other artists, he created a body of work that shaped and inspired the image of post-war intellectual Germany. The exhibition presents a comprehensive portrait of the great German filmmaker in the context of his time and links his oeuvre and his biography with the reality of everyday life he experienced in Germany.

Fassbinder’s exposed position, his creative non-conformity and artistic radicalism led to now-legendary films, television and theatre plays, such as Fear Eats The Soul, The Marriage Of Maria Braun, Eight Hours Don’t Make A Day, Berlin Alexanderplatz, and Querelle, which have become part of the collective visual memory. He was extremely prolific: in a career that lasted less than two decades, he wrote, directed or shot 45 feature films and 25 plays. Fassbinder was an artist who succeeded in synthesising radical subjectivity and social analysis in his works. He made this synthesis his method and the principle of his directorial practice.

From the beginning, he moved between theatre, film/television and documentary styles, adapting his visual language to the needs of each form. Fassbinder’s work – the subject of fierce debate during his lifetime – has lost none of its force, vitality and significance.

An exhibition of the Bundeskunsthalle, Bonn, in cooperation with the DFF – Deutsches Filminstitut & Filmmuseum, Frankfurt am Main, and the Rainer Werner Fassbinder Foundation, Berlin.

We cordially invite you to a media conference on  
Thursday, 9 September 2021 at 11 am. The exhibition opens at 10 am.
Your discussion participants:
- Eva Kraus, director of the Bundeskunsthalle
- Ellen M. Harrington, director of the DFF – Deutsches Filminstitut & Filmmuseum
- Juliane Maria Lorenz-Wehling, president of the Rainer Werner Fassbinder Foundation
- Hans-Peter Reichmann and Isabelle Louise Bastian, curators, DFF – Deutsches Filminstitut & Filmmuseum
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- Susanne Kleine, curator, Bundeskunsthalle
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- Sven Bergmann, press officer of the Bundeskunsthalle

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Text and image material is available at www.bundeskunsthalle.de/en/press.

A negative Corona rapid test result is required for participation in the media conference. The test requirement does not apply to immunised persons who have been fully vaccinated or have recovered.

Please bring proof of this with you. (as at 16 August 2021)

We will inform you about possible changes in the current Corona protection regulations in good time before your participation.

We look forward to your participation and visit.

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