

# BUNDESKUNSTHALLE IM MARTIN-GROPIUS-BAU

Invitation to a Media Conference

Thursday, 17 October 2013, 11 a.m., Martin-Gropius-Bau, Berlin

## ON THE TRAILS OF THE IROQUOIS

18 October 2013 – 6 January 2014

Fearsome warriors and gifted diplomats – the Iroquois successfully kept the European colonial armies at bay during the 17<sup>th</sup> and 18<sup>th</sup> centuries. At the same time the formation of their influential intertribal confederacy inspired European intellectual history. The status of women in their society gave momentum to the women's movement of the 19<sup>th</sup> century, in the 20<sup>th</sup> century their hairstyle became a symbol of Punk culture. Firstly shown in Bonn the exhibition undertakes for the first time a comprehensive search for the trails of the Iroquois throughout the centuries. Historical paintings and drawings, ethnographic objects, and examples of Iroquois contemporary art tell their varied history, characterized by war, trade, Christian missions, loss of land, and isolation on reservations. Likewise addressed, however, is their forceful reassertion of cultural identity in the 20<sup>th</sup> and 21<sup>st</sup> centuries.

We cordially invite you to a media conference on 17 October 2013 at 11 a.m.

Martin-Gropius-Bau, Niederkirchnerstraße 7, 10963 Berlin

The exhibition opens at 10 a.m.

Participants:

- Gereon Sievernich, Director of the Martin-Gropius-Bau, Berlin
- Rein Wolfs, Director of the Art and Exhibition Hall of the Federal Republic of Germany, Bonn
- Peter Jemison, Principal of the State Historic Site Ganondagan, Victor, New York State
- Sylvia S. Kasprzycki, Exhibition Curator
- Sven Bergmann, Press Officer of the Art and Exhibition Hall of the Federal Republic of Germany, Bonn

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The exhibition opening will take place on Thursday, 17 October 2013 at 7 p.m.

We look forward to seeing you.

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