Invitation to a Media Conference  
Thursday, 27 September 2018, 11 a.m.

PRINCELY PAINTERS  
28 September 2018 to 27 January 2019

At the height of their meteoric careers, Frederic Lord Leighton, Hans Makart, Jan Matejko, Mihály von Munkácsy, Franz von Lenbach, Friedrich August von Kaulbach and Franz von Stuck were celebrated as princely painters (Malerfürsten, literally painter-princes) and enjoyed all the privileges of Europe’s high society. They were wealthy, respected and moved in the same elite circles as the rich and famous. Their homes and studios were notable for their splendour, and people thronged to have their portraits painted and to see their sensational pictures. Very few artists attained the lofty status of a princely painter and the public honours this exalted position entailed.

This exhibition is the first to shed light on the phenomenon of the princely painters which transcended national borders, reaching its apogee in the 1870s and 80s before fading away with the outbreak of the First World War. The exhibition focuses on the painters’ carefully crafted, highly stylised public personas and the cult-like veneration they inspired. More adroitly than their colleagues, the princely painters used their networks, the new reproductive media, exhibitions, studio visits and the press to advance their social status and to market their works to collectors worldwide. The special appeal of this exhibition lies in the juxtapositions of the seven painters and their work and in the intriguing glimpses of their charmed lives. Dealing with the phenomenon of the princely painter – a hitherto ignored facet of the history of modern art – the exhibition opens new insights and research perspectives.

We cordially invite you to a media conference on Thursday, 27 September 2018 at 11 a.m. The exhibition opens at 10 a.m.

Participants:
- Rein Wolfs, Director of the Bundeskunsthalle
- Doris H. Lehmann, Curator
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- Sven Bergmann, Press Officer of the Bundeskunsthalle

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We look forward to seeing you.

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