

# BUNDESKUNSTHALLE

Invitation to a Media Conference  
Thursday, 29 August 2019, 11 a.m.

## **FROM MOSUL TO PALMYRA** **A Virtual Journey through the World's Cultural Heritage** 30 August to 3 November 2019

Mosul, Aleppo, Palmyra, Leptis Magna – the names of these cities resonate as symbols of the fabled cultural heritage of ancient civilisations, but also as symbols of the wanton destruction of their vestiges by fanaticism and war. The exhibition employs state-of-the-art virtual reconstructions and spectacular animations to bring these legendary ruined cities of the ancient Arab world back to life. It invites visitors to embark on a journey through time and space into their glorious history, to witness their destruction in the recent past and to contemplate the possibility of their future reconstruction.

The itinerary takes visitors from Mosul (Iraq), the ancient city of Nineveh, via Aleppo (Syria), where successive Muslim empires from the Umayyads to the Ottomans left behind an extraordinary architectural treasure, to Leptis Magna (Libya), founded by the Phoenicians and once known as the 'African Rome', and, finally, to Palmyra (Syria), the legendary Graeco-Roman 'pearl of the Orient'.

With this exhibition, the Bundeskunsthalle wants to underscore the importance of preserving this universal heritage of all humanity.

In cooperation with the Institut du monde arabe (IMA), Paris, and in collaboration with iconem, UBISOFT, UNESCO, Unil – Université de Lausanne and Mission archéologique de Libye

We cordially invite you to a media conference on Thursday, 29 August 2019, at 11 a.m. The exhibition opens at 10 a.m.

Participants:

- Rein Wolfs, director of the Bundeskunsthalle
- Yves Ubelmann, president of Iconem
- Aurélie Clemente-Ruiz, exhibition curator, Institut du monde arabe
- Susanne Annen, exhibition manager, Bundeskunsthalle
- Sven Bergmann, press officer of the Bundeskunsthalle

In order to receive your accreditation, please send a fax to +49 228 9171–211 or an email to [presse@bundeskunsthalle.de](mailto:presse@bundeskunsthalle.de).

We look forward to seeing you.

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Anna Uddenberg  
until 22 September 2019

**CALIFORNIA DREAMS**

San Francisco – A Portrait  
12 September 2019 to 12 January 2020

**FEDERAL PRIZE FOR ART  
STUDENTS**

24<sup>th</sup> Federal Competition of the Federal  
Ministry of Education and Research  
18 October 2019 to 5 January 2020

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A Retrospective  
1 November 2019 to 16 February 2020

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