

BUNDESKUNSTHALLE

Invitation to a Media Conference
Tuesday, 29 April 2014, 11 a.m.

AN ORIENTAL ADVENTURE **Max von Oppenheim and his Discovery of Tell Halaf** 30 April – 10 August 2014

In 1899 the diplomat and archaeological explorer Baron Max von Oppenheim, a scion of the Cologne banking family, discovered the residence of an Aramaean ruler at Tell Halaf. Dating to the early 1st millennium BC, it was the site that first brought the region on the modern border between Syria and Turkey to the attention of archaeologists worldwide. Presenting a selection of archaeological finds that caused a sensation when they were shown in Berlin in 2011, the exhibition brings to life the world of the Aramaeans. Monumental stone sculptures, reliefs and funerary goods testify to the wealth of the palace at Tell Halaf and other residences. The first ever recreation of the famous entrance façade of the Western Palace with the original sculptures is on display. This is complemented by a virtual reconstruction of the entire ancient settlement. The exhibition traces Max von Oppenheim's biography and his love for the Middle East. The exhibition is the first to present a selection of the collector's items alongside the archaeological discoveries. The Tell Halaf finds – destroyed during a night-time bombing raid on Berlin in 1943 and restored some sixty years later – tell the story of a 3000-year-old civilisation, but they have also become a reminder of Germany's recent history.

We cordially invite you to a media conference on Tuesday, 29 April 2014 at 11 a.m. The exhibition opens at 10 a.m.

Participants:

- Rein Wolfs, Director of the Bundeskunsthalle
- Ulrike Dubiel, Curator of the exhibition, archaeologist
- Baron Christopher von Oppenheim, Chairman of the Max Freiherr von Oppenheim Foundation
- Sven Bergmann, Press Officer of the Bundeskunsthalle

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We look forward to seeing you.

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