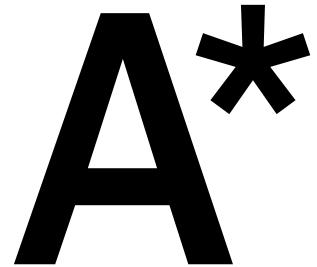


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ABSTRACTIONS II

Non-Representative Tendencies in the Collection

30 January - 1 August, 2010

Aargauer Kunsthaus, Aarau

The Aargauer Kunsthaus owns a large collection of non-representative art from the beginning of the 20th century to the present. The second installment of an exhibition series, "Abstractions II" focuses on the issue of artistic form vacillating between rigid structure and free-flowing form.

In the past decades the Aargauer Kunsthaus has examined the broad range of constructive, concrete and radical art from a variety of different angles. At the same time it has seen its collection expand through acquisitions and generous donations. The museum's rich holdings allow for ever-new dialogues to be set up between works.

The current presentation focuses on the issue of artistic form vacillating between rigid structure and free-flowing form, between strict order and accidental moments, between rest and movement. Works of classic Modernism by Hans Arp, Sophie Taeuber-Arp and Hans Richter provide a starting point. Regular constructive patterns start to oscillate, rhythm sets compositions into motion, and organic lines lend a dance-like lightness to mass and volume. Also included are works associated with concrete art - from Richard Paul Lohse and Verena Loewensberg to Friedrich Glarner - in which well-defined pictorial arrangements are eclipsed by a looser pictorial composition or by a special use of colour. Within the exhibition, informal

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painting contrasts geometric form with painterly gesture, construction with movement and the controlled application of paint with the flow of paint. In addition the exhibition includes works - by artists from Walter Linck to Jean Tinguely - in which movement becomes real and enters art as a driving engine. The trajectory leads from here straight into the present in which the field of possibilities to override existing pictorial arrangements seems boundless.

The exhibition also includes the work "Zimmer" (Room) by Beat Zoderer which, as a gift from the *Kulturwegstiftung Baden-Wettingen-Neuenhof* to mark the anniversary of the Aargauer Kunsthaus, will be shipped to Aarau and temporarily installed in the Rathausgarten.

Curator

Stephan Kunz

Preview for the Media

Thursday, 28 January, 2010, 10 am, Aargauer Kunsthaus, Aarau

Exhibition Opening

Friday, 29 January, 2010, 6 pm

Welcome address by Madeleine Schuppli, Director; introduction by Stephan Kunz, Curator. Followed by a reception in the Kunsthaus foyer.

Book Presentation Sophie Taeuber-Arp

Thursday, 25 February, 2010, 6.30 pm

6.30 - 7 pm, short guided tour of the exhibition *Abstractions II*

with Stephan Kunz, curator

7 pm, book presentation: Welcome address by Madeleine Schuppli, director; introduction by Stephan Kunz, curator. Followed by a reception in the Kunsthaus foyer.

Artist Talk

Thursday, 27 May, 2010, 6.30 pm

The artist Beat Zoderer in conversation with Stephan Kunz, curator. Followed by a reception in the Kunsthaus foyer.

Guided Tours

Thursday, 6.30 pm

11 Feb. with Astrid Näff, 4 Mar. with Stephan Kunz, 29 Apr. with Nadja Baldini, 17 June with Astrid Näff, 8 July with Nadja Baldini

Artwork of the Month February

Hans Richter, *Rhythmus 21, 1921 and Rhythmus 23, 1923*, DVD

Close consideration of a selected work from the exhibition

"Abstractions II:": **Tuesday, 2./9./16./23. February, 12.15 - 12.45 pm**

Artwork of the Month March

Daniel Spoerri, *Ohne Titel, 1964*

Close consideration of a selected work from the exhibition

"Abstractions II:" **Tuesday, 2/9/16/23 and 30 March, 12.15 - 12.45 pm**

Art Education

The art education department offers events geared specifically to groups and schools. Information and reservations: tel. +41 (0)62 835 23 31, email kunstvermittlung@ag.ch

Opening Hours: Tuesday - Sunday 10 am - 5 pm, Thursday 10 am - 8 pm

Holiday Opening Hours: From Holy Thursday, 1 April, until Easter Monday, 5 April, the museum will be open every day from 10 am - 5 pm

Images for the Media

Images are available for downloading on our website

www.aargauerkunsthhaus.ch under "Media". Please take notice of the captions.

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