

## **VIENNA ACTIONISM MUSEUM (WAM): NEW MUSEUM FOR VIENNA ACTIONISM OPENS IN VIENNA.**

### **THE WAM PRESENTS THE EXTENSIVE WORK OF THE FOUR REPRESENTATIVES OF VIENNA ACTIONISM: GÜNTER BRUS, OTTO MUEHL, HERMANN NITSCH AND RUDOLF SCHWARZKOGLER BETWEEN 1957 AND 1973.**

One of Austria's most important art movements after 1945 is being permanently honoured for the first time with the founding of the new Vienna Actionism Museum (WAM). The museum is the result of an initiative by private collectors. With the acquisition of the Friedrichshof Collection in 2022, consisting of one of the largest holdings of works by Vienna Actionism, Reza Akhavan, Jürgen Boden, Daniel Jelitzka, Philipp Konzett, Dirk Ströer and Christian Winkler committed themselves to preserving this art-historically significant collection as a unit in the long term and transferring it to a museum.

The WAM aims to highlight the cultural-historical influence of Vienna Actionism on the development of performative arts worldwide. To ensure that the operation of the WAM remains secure in the long term, the initiators are joined by other personalities as financial and conceptual supporters of the museum.

The museum will present the extensive holdings of the Vienna Actionism collection in annually changing exhibitions and also place them in relation to contemporary positions. The works are currently being re-inventoried in order to further analyse this very complex and radical art movement.

The WAM has set itself the goal of becoming a central and permanent presentation venue for Vienna Actionism in the international art and museum world. The museum's own range of exhibitions is also enriched by co-operations with, among others, the Nitsch Museum and loans from international museums and institutions.

The opening exhibition WHAT IS VIENNA ACTIONISM? can be seen from 15 March 2024 at Weihburggasse 26. It will provide an initial overview of the socio-political and cultural significance of Vienna Actionism.

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From 15 March Opening exhibition WHAT IS VIENNA ACTIONISM?  
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