

MGKSiegen

Museum für Gegenwartskunst Siegen
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Press release

Look, the Eyes 6.12.2024–15.6.2025

Eyes gaze at us from images, and we gaze back. What are the eyes in the drawings, paintings, photographs, and films looking for? Are they compelled by a vague longing, or are we, the observers, the ones being looked at?

Seeing and being seen are reciprocal. When we see something, we are also looked at and touched. The eyes play a key part when it comes to generating and questioning emotions, power relations and social constructs because things are ordered and fixed in the gaze.

In a world that is largely centred on the sense of sight, as well as in artistic practice, seeing takes centre stage as a matter of course. Because things are organised and fixed in the gaze. Something shows itself and simultaneously withdraws, so that what is seen and visible also creates a trace of the absent and invisible.

The exhibition brings together around 60 works from both the Lambrecht-Schadeberg Collection and the Contemporary Art Collection in eleven rooms and invites visitors to explore seeing and the gaze itself - in all its facets and across all media.

With works by Francis Bacon, John Baldessari, Miriam Cahn, Christian Falsnaes, Omer Fast, Lucian Freud, Bernhard Fuchs, Hans Haacke, Isaac Julien, Maria Lassnig, Sigmar Polke, Andrea Robbins/Max Becher and August Sander.

Curated by Ines Rüttinger, Jessica Schiefer, Christian Spies and Thomas Thiel

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Press conference

FRI. 6.12. 2 pm
Look, the Eyes

Opening

FRI. 6.12. 7 pm
Look, the Eyes
Speakers:
Prof. Dr. Christian Spies, chairman of the Supervisory Board
and president of the Peter Paul Rubens Foundation
Thomas Thiel, director MGKSiegen
Ines Rüttinger, curator
Jessica Schiefer, assistant curator

Programme

Talk

THU. 23.1. 6pm
Eintauchen in die Blicke
Dialogue with Dr. Matthias Sperl, Psychotherapist for cognitive behavioural
therapy, and Jessica Schiefer, assistant curator
In German

THU. 13.3. 6pm
Look, the Eyes
Artist talk with Bernhard Fuchs
and Thomas Thiel, director MGKSiegen

THU. 8.5. 6pm
Auge im Blick
Dialogue with Dr. med. Alina Völker, Ophthalmologist,
and Thomas Thiel, director MGKSiegen
In German

Event

SAT. 15.2. 11am–6pm
Family day
Get to know art, get creative yourself!
Free admission

SUN. 18.5. 11am–6pm
International Museum Day and Siegen Art Day
Open museum with activities, workshops, quiz and guided tours
Free admission

Guided Tours

THU. 27.2. 6pm

Look, the Eyes

Curator's tour with Ines Rüttinger and Christian Spies

THU. 5.6. 6pm

Look, the Eyes

Curator's tour with Jessica Schiefer and Thomas Thiel

Public exhibition tours every Sunday at 4 pm. Individual special tours for groups and individuals can be booked by phone (T +49 271 40577 10) or email (info@mgksiegen.de). You can find more public tours and events for kids, teens and adults accompanying the exhibition at <https://www.mgksiegen.de/en/kalender/>.

Press Images

You can find the press images in the download section of the museum website <https://www.mgksiegen.de/en/presse/>.