

Press Information

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Aleksandra Mir, *First Woman on the Moon*, 1999 © Aleksandra Mir

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„*Far above the Moon*  
*Planet Earth is blue*  
*And there's nothing I can do*“

David Bowie, *Space Oddity*, 1969

July 21, 2019, marks the 50th anniversary of the Moon landing. About 530 million people worldwide watched the event on television back in the day—a media sensation that has left its mark on an entire generation. Kunsthalle Krems decided to organize an exhibition as a tribute to this historical event.

*Ticket to the Moon* showcases artistic commentaries on the Moon landing and the Moon as a symbol of human dreams, yearnings, and speculations. Created between the time of the first race to the Moon and the present day, the works on display include direct reactions to the actual landing in 1969 as well as very recent artistic stances. Chronologically, the exhibition starts with Hans Bischoffshausen's painting *Rückseite des Mondes* (1960/61), continuing with Robert Indiana's critical reflection on NASA's recruitment of the Nazi scientist Wernher von Braun in *Der Mond – Die Braunschiff* (1969) and Robert Rauschenberg's reaction to the Moon landing in *Air Pocket* (1970) from the *Stoned Moon* series of lithographs. The central focus is on recent output, by artists including Sonia Leimer, Wendelin Pressl, Nives Widauer, Larissa Leverenz, and Andreas Werner. Their works, some of which were created specifically for the exhibition, cover a wide range of artistic approaches, from sensitive adaptations of NASA photographs to ironic takes on a naïve faith in technology. The great variety of works by contemporary artists invites reflection on why the subject still (or again) appears to be so relevant 50 years after the Moon landing.

The works of art will be complemented by a historical documentation section. Photographs from the collection of Peter Coeln, showing the actual landing and the trip to the Moon as well as astronauts and cosmonauts, will be presented here. The Naturhistorisches Museum Wien is supporting the exhibition with the loan of a lunar meteorite, the Technisches Museum Wien with a model of Sputnik. In an interactive section, visitors may participate by sharing their own associations with and memories of the Moon landing. Together with the admission ticket, visitors will also receive an accompanying booklet with QR codes, enabling them to delve into a broad spectrum of music related to the Moon, including Mina's *Tintarella di Luna* (1959), David Bowie's *Space Oddity* (1969), and *Ticket to the Moon* (1981) by the Electric Light Orchestra. A list of films from the last 100 years will also whet their appetites for a wide gamut of science-fiction movies—from the poetic to the trashy—including Stanley Kubrick's *2001: A Space Odyssey* (1968) and Duncan Jones' *Moon* (2009).

In co-operation with Kunsthalle Krems, the Kino im Kesselhaus cinema has devised a film program on the theme of the exhibition. Our neighbor, the Caricature Museum Krems, has also decided to dedicate a show to the Moon: until October 27, *Wettlauf zum Mond! Die fantastische Welt der Science Fiction* showcases a wide range of graphic novels, cartoons and contemporary documents, including spectacular cover designs for the legendary German-language *Perry Rhodan* series of science fiction novels published in magazine form, the 3000th issue of which has recently been released. The catalog has been produced in co-operation between our two institutions.

Curator: Andreas Hoffer

Artists exhibited:

Jeremy Bakker, Hans Bischoffshausen, Herbert Brandl, Aleksandra Cieřlewicz, Siegfried A. Fruhauf, Agnes Fuchs, Robert Indiana, Dona Jalufka, Lena Lapschina, Sonia Leimer, Larissa Leverenz, Mahony, Ralo Mayer, Jonathan Meese, Aleksandra Mir, Nick Oberthaler, Melody Owen, Wendelin Pressl, Florian Raditsch, Robert Rauschenberg, Thomas Riess, Nicole Six und Paul Petritsch, Sebastian Speckmann, Thomas Thyron, Leonid Tishkov, Paul Van Hoeydonck, Andreas Werner, Nives Widauer

## BIOGRAPHICAL NOTES

### **Jeremy Bakker**

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In 2018, Jeremy Bakker spent some time in Krems as a guest of AIR – ARTIST IN RESIDENCE Niederösterreich.

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### **Hans Bischoffshausen**

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### **Herbert Brandl**

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**Mahony**

Mahony are Stephan Kobatsch (b. 1975), Clemens Leuschner (b. 1976) and Jenny Wolka (b. 1978); they live and work in Vienna, Austria and Berlin, Germany

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Ralo Mayer's parents met on the evening of the Moon landing not far from the Iron Curtain. He lives and works in Vienna, Austria.

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**Melody Owen**

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**CATALOG FOR THE EXHIBITION**

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