

Art Brut in the Imperial Corridor

Works from the Hannah Rieger Collection

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For the first time the Imperial Corridor in Melk Abbey, which is located in the World Heritage Region of Wachau, provides space for Art Brut. 45 outstanding works of Art Brut are shown between the paintings depicting the Austrian sovereigns of the Babenberg and Habsburg families. That contrast particularly emphasizes Art Brut: the expression and personal signature of each artist illustrates the diversity of the Art Brut genre.

Autodidacts from society's periphery, as well as outsiders create art outside of the traditional cultural sphere, for which the French artist Jean Dubuffet coined the name Art Brut. It distinguishes itself from academic art which is influenced by contemporary trends as well as by the global discourse taught by art universities.

The Hannah Rieger Collection (www.livinginartbrut.com) has its focus in the tradition of Gugging, Austria's Art Brut center, and is internationally oriented.

The exhibition is curated by Hans Hoffer, the president of GLOBART.

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