## cancelled?

Art & Politics / Politics & Art Conceived by María Linares & Michael Kress



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Opening: Donnerstag, 09.07.2020, 19 Uhr Words of welcome: María Linares und Michael Kress

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## **Press Release**

In this difficult situation for artists, what was originally planned before the COVID crisis as a themed summer exhibition now takes on a new and urgent significance: What is art's relation to politics? And what, conversely, is the position of politics with regard to art?

The street-level window display and the digital channels of the Deutscher Künstlerbund (website, Facebook, Instagram) will host interconnected prospects and views of the political. The exhibition »cancelled? Art & Politics / Politics & Art « uses the supposed summer break as a moment for utopias, political commentaries and wishes, as a special kind of democratic participation by art and artists.

How do artists view political landscapes? What contribution can art make to political discourse?

As one of a multi-year, multi-theme series by the Deutscher Künstlerbund, in this exhibition members use posters as a means to create an open discussion on Europe and artistic freedom, on democracy and society, and on the COVID crisis. Approaches from the past and the present act as forms of public address and focus attention on the political poster.

The works on show were selected by a jury consisting of Metin Hakverdi (member of Germany's parliament, the Bundestag), Janine Sack (artist, art director and publisher, Berlin), Brigitte Werneburg (fine art editor, taz newspaper, Berlin), and, for Deutscher Künstlerbund, María Linares (artist, Berlin) and Michael Kress (artist, Hamburg).

Posters by the following artists have been selected for presentation in the window display at the Deutscher Künstlerbund:

Fritz Balthaus, Matthias Beckmann, Costantino Ciervo, Daniela Comani, Manuela Fersen, Helga Franz, Adib Fricke, Roland Fuhrmann, Rolf Giegold, Armin Hartenstein, Susanne Hegmann & Veit Grünert, Bernd Hennig, Constantin Jaxy, Uwe Jonas, Stefan Krüskemper & Michaela Nasoetion & Christiane ten Hoevel, Jürgen Liefmann, Jub Mönster, Christina Paetsch, Tyyne Claudia Pollmann, Stefan Saffer, Andreas Schmid, Eva-Maria Schön, Klaus Staeck, Alexander Voß, Herbert Wentscher, Julia Wenz.



