

Press release

A question of time. Four women photographers in 1920s Hamburg

23rd April till 27th June 2010

Press preview: 21st April 2010, 11 a.m.

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Hildi Schmidt Heins, Travemünde, silver gelatin print, 1938
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The Museum für Kunst und Gewerbe will be showing work from its own collection by four women photographers who have been chosen as being exemplary for the period of the Weimar Republic in Hamburg: Minya Diez-Dührkoop (1873 – 1929) and Lotte Genzsch (1907 – 2003) as productive professional photographers who had their own studios, Natascha A. Brunswick (1909 – 2003) as a creative self-taught photographer and Hildi Schmidt Heins (born in 1915), who was a freelance artist. The exhibition, with some 100 original photos, is being shown in the framework of a cross-cultural research and promotion project entitled *Himmel auf Zeit. Die Kultur der 1920er Jahre in Hamburg*, (*Heaven – for a time. The culture of the 1920s in Hamburg*) and sponsored by the Reemtsma Stiftung. The life and oeuvre of the four photographers spans a historical period from Imperial Germany through the Weimar Republic, the “Third Reich”, thus encompassing two World Wars, emigration to the USA, and post-war West Germany. The role of women, including the options open to them for creative activities, changed repeatedly amidst the drastic upheavals during this period. The epochs which can be stylistically defined here are art photography around 1900 (Pictorialism) and the “New Seeing” (das Neue Sehen) in the 1920s. The research organization “Forschungsverbund zur Kulturgeschichte Hamburgs“ at the University of Hamburg is compiling a catalogue to be published comprising essays dealing with various aspects of Hamburg’s cultural life in the 1920s: landscape gardening, photography, dance, music, theatre, literature, the cinema, architecture, radio and the visual arts.

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Opening times: Tuesdays to Sundays 11 a.m. till 6 p.m., Wednesdays and Thursdays 11 a.m. till 9 p.m.

Entrance fee: 8 € / 5 €, Wednesdays and Thursdays always only 5 € after 5 p.m.
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