

Press Release *KölnSkulptur 5*, April 2009 – April 2011

Press conference: 17 April 2009, 11 a.m.

Opening: 19 April 2009, 12 noon

Duration: April 2009 to April 2011

We are delighted to announce that *KölnSkulptur 5 – Reality Check*, the fifth exhibition of outdoor sculpture to be staged in the *Skulpturenpark Köln*, is scheduled to open on April 19, 2009 at 12 noon. The exhibition has been curated by Dr. Renate Goldmann, Managing and Artistic Director.

In mounting *KölnSkulptur 5* in 2009, the *Stiftung Skulpturenpark Köln* is continuing the series of *KölnSkulptur* exhibitions (1997, 1999, 2001, 2007), initiated by the founders of the Park Michael and Eleonore Stoffel.

KölnSkulptur 5 is unveiling **17 new works** to the public, created by the following array of illustrious artists **Aaron Curry, Christina Doll, Alexander Esters, Katharina Fritsch, Bernd Kastner, Norbert Kricke, Jonathan Meese, Isa Melsheimer, Thomas Moecker, Thomas Rentmeister, Michael Sailstorfer, Jan Philip Scheibe, Dirk Skreber, Torsten Slama, Alan Sonfist, Thomas Stimm** and **Ina Weber**.

KölnSkulptur 5 presents a broad spectrum of positions of emerging and contemporary outdoor sculpture. Selected sculptures from established and young artists are juxtaposed, and exhibited to visitors in a tranquil, natural setting. Among the works on view are loans of existing sculptures and – in keeping with the tradition of this exhibition series – new productions, created especially for this latest show in the *Skulpturenpark Köln*.

The altogether **41 works** by international artists open up exciting new perspectives, and explore themes such as man, environment and evolution. Partly in humoristic, partly in critical vein, the visitor is confronted either indirectly or directly with the controversial issues of our time, which challenge his own attitudes and **perceptions of reality**. He finds himself taking a **Reality Check**, prompted by "miniature worlds", "children from hell", a "concrete giant", a "refrigerator depot" or a "car wreck". Consequently, the exhibition not only showcases the latest trends in the medium of outdoor sculpture, but, above all, focuses on the aspects of our modern society they reflect, and on the question of the sustainability of reality.

In addition to this representative survey of current positions of contemporary outdoor sculpture, *KölnSkulptur 5* grants local residents and visitors to the city of Cologne the opportunity to confront the controversial realities of the 21st century and, in the process, forge not only new personal perspectives, but also the basis for engaging in fascinating and enriching discussions.

At this unique interface of urban and natural environments, the *Skulpturenpark Köln* is inviting visitors to engage with contemporary sculpture, and also sample both the refreshments in the *parklounge* and the exciting programme of accompanying events.

We will gladly answer any queries you may have.

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Skulpturenpark Köln
Entrance: Riehler Straße
Opening times: Daily
April - Sept. 10.30 a.m. – 7 p.m.
Oct. – March 10.30 a.m. – 5 p.m.
Admission free
Public guided tour:
First Saturday of each month at 3 p.m.
Meeting point: Park entrance; Adults: 8 euro; Concessions: 2 euro
Children under 10: Free of charge
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