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GALERIE **ART CRU** BERLIN · ORANIENBURGER STRASSE 27 · 10117 BERLIN-MITTE WWW.ART-CRU.DE

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HORST SCHIELE

Exhibition: 04.03.– 15.04.2021

Opening Hours: after the lockdown: Tue & Thu 12–6 pm, Wed 2–6 pm

further dates can be arranged by telephone

Location: Galerie ART CRU Berlin, Oranienburger Str. 27, 10117 Berlin-Mitte, Germany

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Galerie ART CRU Berlin shows pictures by **Horst Schiele**, who was born in Berlin in 1948. It is the first solo exhibition of the artist.

A combination of circles, rectangles and triangles is the underlying basis of each of the artist's paintings. The associatively set forms are colored with a broad palette in oil pastels, a medium that allows the artist the greatest possible autonomy in his work. Schiele's forms are often superimposed by one or more additional layers. If one wanders along these surface lines while viewing the drawings, one senses a concentrated force that lends the paintings a special tension and extraordinary compositional dynamism. Sometimes Schiele places the lines close together, usually black or white in contrast to the luminous formations in the background, so that a structure seems to take over the image. Sometimes he chooses airy, bubble-like circles to overlay his color field foundation, or he sets selective accents with shorter strokes. The particular contrasting relationship of these two layers, combined with a richness of variation in the volume of paint application that can differ greatly within and between paintings, offers viewers a fascinating resonance.

After both of his parents died in 1979, Horst Schiele, then 31 years old, moved to Albert Schweitzer Stiftung Wohnen & Betreuen. Until retirement age in 2013, he worked in the Nordberliner Werkstätten (NBW). Since 2014, he has been working on his drawings in the workshop of Albert Schweitzer Stiftung, and has already exhibited them several times in Berlin.

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Galerie ART CRU Berlin is Berlin's only gallery for so-called Outsider Art since 2008. The term (introduced in 1945 by painter Jean Dubuffet as "Art Brut") refers to art by people with psychiatric disorders or mental disabilities. We are convinced that the particular perceptions these artists have allow them to create art of high authenticity. With our exhibitions we present works by "outsiders" as a crucial part of contemporary art and aim to foster discourse within the established art world. Being located at the Kunsthof on Oranienburger Straße, the gallery presents works by people with disabilities right in the centre of Berlin's art scene. Galerie ART CRU Berlin is backed by the non-profit federation **PS-Art e.V. Berlin** – a network of different institutions.

For its five-year jubilee the gallery published a chronicle comprising all exhibition catalogues from 2008-13. In 2014 we took part at the **Outsider Art Fair** in Paris, the world's leading fair in this field. The same year saw the nomination of five artists from the network of PS-Art e.V. Berlin for the international art prize **euward**. Since 2015 the gallery is a member of the **Ivbg**, the Galleries Association of Berlin (Landesverband Berliner Galerien).

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Untitled, 2015, oil pastel, 50x70



Untitled, undated, oil pastel, 50x70.



Untitled, 2015, oil pastel, 70x50



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