



ARTGATE BRINGS 18 GERMAN TOP CLASS ART LOVERS TO TURKEY: A PARTNERSHIP WITH THE ARTINTERNATIONAL ART FAIR

From 24th until 28th September art agency ARTGATE introduced 18 top class art lovers from Berlin and Northrhine-Westphalia to the contemporary art scene of Istanbul during the VIP program of the ArtInternational art fair. Within the scope of ARTGATE's function for the European VIP Relations of the fair, German entrepreneurs and art patrons discovered outstanding Turkish art outlets, private and corporate art collections and also the second edition of the ArtInternational fair with supreme galleries.

Like the first edition of the fair, it's second edition took place at the beautiful "Halic Congress Centre" directly at the Bosphorus in Istanbul. Naturally the fair developed upon the strength built from the year before, which brought together leading galleries from Turkey, the Middle East, USA, Europe and renowned art experts from the regions already mentioned. Apace with the 4-day excursion the following art highlights under experienced art historical guidance included:

- **ArtInternational patron's preview with curatorial tour** and "Welcome Bosphorus Yacht Tour";
- **Visits of private and corporate collections** such as
 - **„Elgiz Museum of Contemporary Art“** with Can and Sevda Elgiz, Istanbul's first privately initiated museum with influential contemporary artists such as Ömer Uluç, Fahrelnissa Zeid, Tracey Emin, Jan Fabre, Cindy Sherman, Andy Warhol, Julian Schnabel, Sol LeWitt, Paul McCarthy, Gilbert & George and Robert Rauschenberg;
 - **„The Borusan Contemporary Art Collection“**, the first Turkish corporate collection with site specific installations and about 600 artistic works from internationally acclaimed artists;
 - **Corporate collection Nezh Barut**, owner of "Abdi Ibrahim Pharmaceuticals", and collector of famous Turkish artists such as Erol Akyavas and Selma Gurbuz, as well as classical painters such as Sevket Dag and Halil Pasa;
 - **Gala dinner with Çigdem Simavi**, private collector
 - **Private visit of the „Papko Art Collection“** by Oner & Tuğba Kocabeyoğlu and **Hakan & Banu Carmikli collection in cooperation with auction house Christies** featuring Turkish and international paintings and sculptures;

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→ **Visit of selected galleries, art studios** and the latest art hot spots of Istanbul with directors and artists present;

- **Delicious lunches and dinners in restaurants recommended by insiders** from Istanbul with exceptional personalities from Istanbul's art scene;
- An opportunity to exchange ideas and make contact with **extraordinary personalities from Europe, the Middle East and the US**;

In addition to the participation of an exciting range of galleries, the ArtInternational fair was pleased to work with promising curators such as Özge Ersoy and Merve Ünsal to present alternative art spaces and collectives; and to partner for the second year with globally recognised Turkish curator Başak Şenova for the 'Video on Stage' section. The independent art initiative and educational platform founded by collector Tansa Mermerci Ekşioğlu and curator Zeynep Öz, SPOT Projects, also brought an important added value to the fair with a dynamic lecture programme.

ARTGATE is an art agency based in Düsseldorf connecting emerging art markets with the European art scene through education programs, events and art consulting. For more information please contact Miss Mengya Zhang under mail@artgateconsulting.com and visit our website under www.artgateconsulting.com.

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