

## Press release

### Beginning on 7th October, the Berlinische Galerie will host a series of highlights from the Stadtmuseum's painting collection

**The Märkisches Museum is scheduled to close in 2023 for several years of renovation work. During this period, the treasures of the Stadtmuseum Berlin will be available to the public through a series of exhibitions at other institutions.**

Beginning on 7th October 2022, the Berlinische Galerie's permanent exhibition "[Art in Berlin 1880-1980](#)" will be enriched by a loan of twelve outstanding works of classical modernism from the Stadtmuseum Berlin's [painting collection](#). These works by Berlin artists Max Beckmann, Theo von Brockhusen, Lovis Corinth, Ernst Ludwig Kirchner, Walter Leistikow, Max Liebermann, Edvard Munch and Lesser Ury bear witness to the collection's immense artistic and historical value and form a link between the Stadtmuseum Berlin's focus on urban history and the Berlinische Galerie's focus on art history.

A highlight of the selection and indeed of the entire collection is the portrait of Berlin engineer and industrialist Walther Rathenau by Edvard Munch (1863-1944). Rathenau (1867-1922), who as Foreign Minister of the Weimar Republic was assassinated by right-wing radicals in 1922, acquired his first painting by Munch in 1893. In 1907, he commissioned Munch to paint his portrait. An exhibition of the Norwegian painter's works held in Berlin in 1892 stirred up long-standing tensions within Berlin's artistic community. The modern currents of contemporary art - Impressionism and the beginnings of Expressionism - were moving away from the trajectory of Historicism. The exhibition was closed soon after its opening, splitting the Berlin art scene for good. In 1898, the Berlin Secession was established.

#### STADTMUSEUM BERLIN

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## BERLINISCHE GALERIE, MUSEUM OF MODERN ART

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<b>Address</b>	Alte Jakobstrasse 124-128   10969 Berlin
<b>Info line</b>	Tel +49 (0)30 78 902 600
<b>Opening hours</b>	Wed – Mon   10am – 6pm (closed Tues)
<b>Admission</b>	€ 10   reduced € 6
<b>Press contact</b>	presse@berlinischegalerie.de
<b>Press photos</b>	<a href="http://www.berlinischegalerie.de/pressemitteilung/aufbruch-in-die-moderne">www.berlinischegalerie.de/pressemitteilung/aufbruch-in-die-moderne</a>
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During the closure of the [Märkisches Museum](#), the Stadtmuseum Berlin's mechanical musical instruments are also expected to be presented at the Bezirksmuseum Pankow from spring 2023. The project in cooperation with the Bezirksmuseum Pankow is of particular significance to the district of Pankow, which developed into a global centre of barrel organ production beginning around 1870. The exhibition will feature the Stadtmuseum Berlin's collection of self-playing musical instruments (automatophones) along with the products of Pankow's barrel organ factories and chronicle the story of their Italian manufacturers and players who were concentrated in the district. The project is made possible by support from the Stiftung Deutsche Klassenlotterie Berlin.

Further information at: [www.en.stadtmuseum.de/collections](http://www.en.stadtmuseum.de/collections).