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Joint media release

Evaluation of Bührle Collection provenance research: expert report by Raphael Gross published

Prof. Raphael Gross has completed and published his report on the review of the existing provenance research into the Bührle Collection. The commissioning bodies – the City and Canton of Zurich and the Zürcher Kunstgesellschaft – will now analyse the report, and will present their initial response and details of the next steps soon.

The works from the Bührle Collection have been displayed on long-term loan in the Chipperfield building of the Kunsthaus Zürich since October 2021. In May 2023, the City and Canton of Zurich and the Zürcher Kunstgesellschaft (the patron association of the Kunsthaus Zürich) appointed Prof. Raphael Gross to review the existing research into the provenance of the works ([media release dated 12 May 2023](#)). In particular, the review was intended to establish whether there are substantiated indications that they include cultural property confiscated as a result of Nazi persecution, with a view to ensuring that no such works are exhibited at the Kunsthaus.

Raphael Gross was chosen as the expert on the recommendation of an independent Round Table, which also defined the matters to be considered under the mandate. The Round Table was convened on behalf of the commissioning bodies by Prof. Felix Uhlmann, the joint delegate of the commissioning bodies (the City and Canton of Zurich and the Zürcher Kunstgesellschaft).

Commissioning bodies thank the expert, delegate and Round Table

As agreed, Raphael Gross presented the report containing his findings to the commissioning bodies and the Round Table two days ago, on Wednesday 26 June 2024. Yesterday, Thursday 27 June 2024, the Delegate informed the commissioning bodies that, in the Round Table's view, the report answered the questions set out in the mandate. The report is available on the [Kunsthaus Zürich website](#).

The City and Canton of Zurich and the Zürcher Kunstgesellschaft will now analyse the report in depth, and Raphael Gross will also brief them in person. The commissioning bodies are expected to issue their initial response by mid-July 2024 and set out the next steps. They wish to thank Raphael Gross and his team of experts for their comprehensive and invaluable work. Their gratitude also goes to the delegate, Felix Uhlmann, and the members of the Round Table for their dedication to their task, and for their clear recommendations throughout the process.

Note to editors:

You can download Raphael Gross's report [here](#).

The mandate agreement (May 2023) and the report by the Round Table (January 2023) are published on the [City's website](#).

[Infographic Bühle Collection and Kunsthaus Zürich](#)

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