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Hamburger Kunsthalle: Kunst um 1800

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Hamburger Kunsthalle, Glockengießerwall 5, 20095 Hamburg

Opening: Thursday, 4 November 2025, 7 pm

The exhibition KUNST UM 1800 places the legendary exhibition cycle of the same name at the Hamburger Kunsthalle center stage. From 1974 to 1981, the nine-part series explored the impact of artworks in the "age of revolutions" and shaped debates about the societal relevance of art that continue to resonate today. The series revised narratives of European art history by foregrounding themes and artists who broke with the conventions of their time: Ossian, Caspar David Friedrich, Johann Heinrich Füssli, William Blake, Johan Tobias Sergel, William Turner, Philipp Otto Runge, John Flaxman, and Francisco Goya.

The exhibition KUNST UM 1800 will revisit and update the historical displays created under the direction of then-director Werner Hofmann from a contemporary perspective. To this end, more than 50 paintings, books, and graphic works from the Kunsthalle's collection dating from around 1800 will be presented alongside selected loans and works by contemporary artists, including spatial interventions and models by Marten Schech.

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