

## Ketterer Kunst To Hold Greatest Auction In Its History?

# Brücke Highlights And Great Works Of Contemporary Art

Munich, October 4, 2022 (KK) – Following the strong demand of international art lovers in the June auction, Ketterer Kunst could see the most successful auction in the company's history this December. "We are in preparation of a to date unparalleled range of offers. The strong dollar makes European auctions particularly interesting for buyers from the USA and Asia," explains Robert Ketterer, auctioneer and head of Ketterer Kunst. "We see a clear trend as we receive ever more inquiries."

Ketterer Kunst still identifies an art market with sustained demand for quality, for big names, for diversification and for asset mobility. "We know from decades of experience that in uncertain times the demand for top works shoots up – and we have them!" Ketterer Kunst is looking for works of "Post War & Contemporary Art", while Modern Art and Expressionism are on the upswing, too.

"Hence it truly is a lucky chance that we can call up more than 90 works from 'The Gerlinger Collection – Brücke Artists (SHG)' in our autumn auctions on December 9/10, 2022," Robert Ketterer adds. After the prelude in the June auction, the auction house is going to offer a very special selection of highlights from the collection this autumn. A little more than half of them will be paintings, watercolors, art postcards and sculptures that will be called up as "SHG – Expressiv!" in the Evening Sale. Some of these gems are still exhibits in current museum shows from where they will directly go to the saleroom at Ketterer Kunst.

"These works count among the absolute incunabula of the Brücke artist group, the best of 'German Expressionism'," explains Mario von Lüttichau, renowned art historian and former curator at the Folkwang Museums in Essen. "There has never been such a splendid museum-quality offer at Ketterer Kunst or anywhere else, I believe."



**Ernst Ludwig Kirchner – Hockende**

Wooden sculpture, 1910

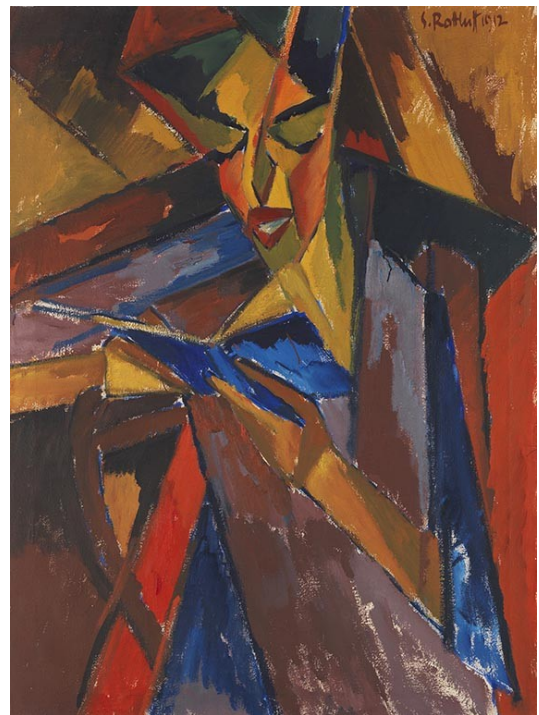
12.8 x 6.8 x 5.5 in

Estimate price: US\$ 770,000-990,000

In addition, 40 prints and collectibles will be sold in the auction of Modern Art under the title **“SHG - Es begann mit einer Idee. Die Brücke“**. It is a part of the Gelinger Collection that has a particular high art-historic value, as the compilation reflects a special documentation of the artist’s cooperation and common creativity. The collector Hermann Gerlinger identified the stylistic kinship as a key factor for the group’s success. So he decided to collect vignettes, annual reports, membership cards, registers, exhibition posters and catalogs and not least seven annual portfolios from 1906 to 1912.

Robert Ketterer is going to call up this part of the collection in its entirety in December. **“It is the very heart of the Hermann Gerlinger Collection,”** says Robert Ketterer. The collection represents the idea and the path of the artist group and hence the path of German Expressionism. **“A German museum would be the perfect location,”** explains Ketterer.

In an environment characterized by great international attention and demand, Ketterer Kunst encourages clients to contribute consignments: **“We are surprised and enthused about the fascinating interplay of Brücke art and contemporary artworks,”** states Robert Ketterer. **“It is a stunning experience to see how modern Brücke art is, that it is complimentary to many contemporary artworks. Visitors of our preview exhibitions should already look forward to this experience. Talks with consignors have shown that a number of works by currently particularly sought-after international artists of ‘Post War & Contemporary Art’ can be expected.”**



**Karl Schmidt-Rottluff – Lesende (Else Lasker-Schüler)**  
Oil on canvas, 1912  
33.2 x 30.1 in  
Estimate price: US\$ 770,000-990,000



**Ernst Ludwig Kirchner – Das blaue Mädchen in der Sonne**  
Oil on canvas, 1910  
32.4 x 36.4 in  
Estimate price: US\$ 2,200,000-3,300,000

In the spring auction at Ketterer Kunst on June 10/11, the first tranche of 45 works from the Gerlinger Collection was entirely sold, among them were works from Erich Heckel, Karl Schmidt-Rottluff, Ernst Ludwig Kirchner, Otto Mueller, Fritz Bleyl und Hermann Max Pechstein.

For around 30 years, "The Gerlinger Collection – Brücke Artists" was on display in museums in Schleswig-Holstein (Schloss Gottorf), Saxony Anhalt (Kunstmuseum Moritzburg) and Bavaria (Buchheim Museum). Ketterer Kunst expects the works from the collection to attract tremendous international attention and recommends to consign other expressionist artworks in this beneficial environment.

A **first selection of works** of museum quality from The Gerlinger Collection called up in the December auction:

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**Karl Schmidt-Rottluff**

Rote Düne, 1913

Oil on canvas

25.5 x 29.3 in

Estimate price: US\$ 880,000-1,320,000

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**Ernst Ludwig Kirchner**

Fehmarnküste mit Leuchtturm, 1913

Oil on canvas

35.6 x 47.4 in

Estimate price: US\$ 770,000-990,000

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**Karl Schmidt-Rottluff**

Sitzende im Grünen, 1910

Oil on canvas

33.2 x 30.1 in

Estimate price: US\$ 660,000-880,000

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**Erich Heckel**

Stehende, 1920

Poplar Sculpture

Height: 31.1 in

Estimate price: US\$ 660,000-880,000

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**Karl Schmidt-Rottluff**

Mondschein, 1919

Oil on canvas

34.2 x 39.7 in

Estimate price: US\$ 660,000-880,000

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**Ernst Ludwig Kirchner**

Im Wald

Oil on canvas

22.8 x 27.5 in

Estimate price : US\$ 660,000-880,000

## Current Dates

### Exhibition

September 10 – November 12, 2022

Antonio Calderara - „...a reality of imagination“

The Hackenberg Collection, Munich

Ketterer Kunst Berlin, Fasanenstr. 70, 10719 Berlin

Hours: Mon–Sat from 12 to 4 pm

### Autumn Auction

December 09 Post War/Contemporary Art/Evening Sale/SHG

December 10 19<sup>th</sup> Century Art/Modern Art/SHG

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