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Temporary exhibition "Artist-patients" from Wuerttemberg and Baden. (Out-)paths and (self-)realisation in Leipzig

**LEIPZIG - A temporary exhibition by the Wuerttemberg Museum of Psychiatry in Zwiefalten, which has already been on display in several places and has been well received, can be viewed at the Saxon Museum of Psychiatry (*Sächsisches Psychiatriemuseum*) in Leipzig from 12 July to 31 October 2023.**

Since 2017, the now expanded temporary exhibition of the Wuerttemberg Museum of Psychiatry in Zwiefalten has been presenting the portraits of people who have enriched art in various fields in their individual ways. The focus of the exhibition is on the psychiatrically experienced artists who were treated in psychiatric institutions in southern Wuerttemberg and Baden in the course of the 20th century: Friedrich Pöhler (Weissenau), Gustav Mesmer (Weissenau, Schussenried), August Natterer (Weissenau), Else Blankenhorn (Reichenau), Albert Speck (Zwiefalten) and Helene Maisch (Illenau).

The exhibition presents the biographies of the artists and shows the personality and artistic differences between these people, as well as their similarities, which can be traced back to experiences with contemporary psychiatry, among other things. The contents of the exhibition on the patients Else Blankenhorn and Helene Maisch were created in cooperation with Winfried Klimm (Reichenau) and, with regard to Helene Maisch, with Hanna Sauer (Solingen) and Winfried Hoggenmüller (Achern) and in relation to the other persons in the Research Unit for the History and Ethics of Medicine of the Centre for Psychiatry Suedwuerttemberg. Since the conservation requirements for the original works of these artists, which are now in collections, no longer allow these originals to be presented at other exhibition venues, the travelling exhibition is intended to help bridge this gap.

The exhibition, which has so far been very well received by numerous visitors, has now been shown at five locations in Baden-Wuerttemberg and North Rhine-Westphalia (Weissenau, Zwiefalten, Emmendingen, Reichenau, Solingen). From this month and until autumn 2023, it can now be viewed at the Saxon Psychiatry Museum in Leipzig. The exhibition fits in perfectly with the concept of the museum there, which is a project of the association Durchblick e. V. (a psychiatric patients' initiative founded in 1990 in Leipzig) and devotes a special focus to the perspective of those affected in its permanent and temporary presentations.

The persons responsible at the Wuerttemberg Museum of Psychiatry, Prof. Dr. Thomas Müller, Dr. Uta Kanis-Seyfried and Dr. Bernd Reichelt, will be happy to answer questions about the content and organisation of the exhibition for those interested.

Sächsisches Psychiatriemuseum (Saxon Psychiatry Museum), Mainzer Straße 7, D-04109 Leipzig.

Opening hours: Wednesdays - Saturdays from 13:00 to 17:00.

Homepage: [Sächsisches Psychiatriemuseum](#)