



Erwin Wurm, *One Minute Sculpture*, 1997/2005, Belvedere, Vienna © Bildrecht, Vienna, 2016

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## The Language of Things Material Hi/Stories from the Collection

June 10, 2016 to January 22, 2017

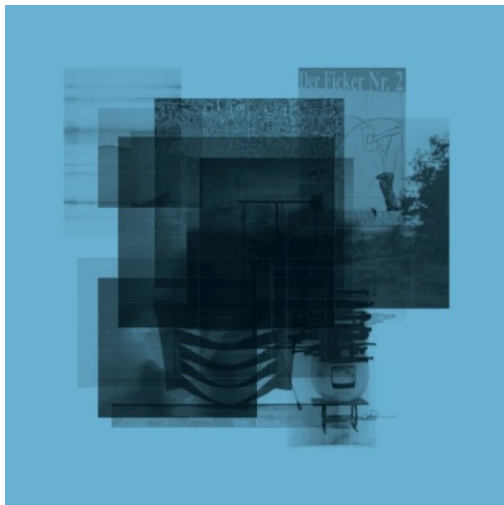
The exhibition *The Language of Things – Material Hi/Stories from the Collection* is devoted to the material aspect of contemporary art. The exhibition can be seen until January 22, 2017 at the 21er Haus. Matter, material and materiality have acted both as points of departure and subjects of artistic production since the 1960s. While for example Minimal Art focused on the specific characteristics of the used material, today's phenomena of digitization bring about a new tension between materiality and immateriality that is reflected in contemporary art practices. With works from the contemporary art collection and the Federal Art Archives this show highlights the thingness of the exhibited objects in order to read between the lines of material languages.

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“Constant expansion of the collection is one of the Belvedere’s core tasks. Works from the in-house collection will be illuminated for the sixth time under the title *The Language of Things*. An exciting discourse, which aims to capture the dialogue between contemporary trends and earlier art currents. How incredibly different artistic approaches to the definition of materiality can be, is shown in two focus presentations. The first is devoted to the oeuvre of Cornelius Kolig, whereas the second focusses on Anna Jermolaewa – two artists, who represent different generations and very distinct approaches to this theme, and who deserve great attention”, says Agnes Husslein-Arco, Director of the Belvedere and 21er Haus.

With works by Franz Amann, Carl Andre, Ovidiu Anton, John M Armleder, Richard Artschwager, Josef Bauer, Thomas Baumann, Julien Bismuth, Andy Boot, Herbert Brandl, Gilbert Bretterbauer, Căcilia Brown, Andy Coolquitt, Andreas Duscha, Judith Fegerl, Robert Filiou, Dan Flavin, Andreas Fogarasi, Kerstin von Gabain, Gelatin, Julian Göthe, Franz Graf, Manuel Gorkiewicz, Eva Grubinger, Michael Gumhold, Robert F. Hammerstiel, Gregor Hildebrandt, Benjamin Hirte, Anna Jermolaewa, Donald Judd, Barbara Kapusta, Anselm Kiefer, Jakob Lena Knebl, Roland Kollnitz, Brigitte Kowanz, Susanne Kriemann, Sonia Leimer, Anita Leisz, Inés Lombardi, Constantin Luser, Dorit Margreiter, Ralo Mayer, Adam McEwen, Robert Morris, Ulrike Müller, Walter Obholzer, Lisa Oppenheim, Rudolf Polanszky, Rosa Rendl, Gerhard Richter, Valentin Ruhry, Fred Sandback, Stefan Sandner, Stefanie Seibold, Tony Smith, Daniel Spoerri, Lucie Stahl, Rudolf Stingel, Zin Taylor, Sofie Thorsen, Christoph Weber, Lois Weinberger, Franz West, Erwin Wurm, Heimo Zobernig and Franz von Zülow.

Curated by Axel Köhne and Luisa Ziaja



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