



**PRESS RELEASE:**

## **60 years of CoBrA**

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Freedom, breakup and letting go – these ambitions have been marking all directions of art during the first years after World War II in every European Metropolis. First of all a young generation of artists vehemently and heady wished to leave all its traumas of the war behind.

This desire also pushes the members of the group **CoBrA**, founded by its members from **Copenhagen, Brussels and Amsterdam** in Paris in 1948. The founder members were the painters **Asger Jorn, Corneille, Constant** together with the authors **Christian Dotremont** and **Joseph Noiret**.

Later **CoBrA** was joined amongst others by **Pierre Alechinsky, Lucebert, Anton Rooskens** and **Siegfried Reich an der Stolpe**.

In many publications, manifests and exhibitions the artists of **CoBrA** expressed without restraint all their ideas of spontaneity and free spirit. Intensive colours, swinging paint brushes and expressive figures characterize their work. Although the movement of **CoBrA** has been existing just for 3 years it still influences recent contemporary art and the interest in this group remains unbowed.

On the occasion of the 60<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the foundation of **CoBrA** DIE GALERIE is rewarding this exiting period with a large exhibition. Early works of its leading members from the 40ies and 50ies are presented as well as later created paintings that illustrate their further artistic development and vita. Amongst other works are shown *Begging Children* from **Karel Appel**, *Neptune* from **Eugène Brands**, *Autrement dit* from **Pierre Alechinsky** und *La ville* from **Corneille**.

Corneille as well as relatives of some of the artists will be present.

Accompanying this exhibition a voluminous catalogue is published in German and Italian.

The copying of the mentioned works is free.

**Vernissage** 3<sup>rd</sup> of September 2008, 6.30 p. m.

**Opening hours** Monday till Friday, 9 a. m. – 6 p. m.  
Saturday, 10 a. m. – 2 p. m.

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