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## BANK AUSTRIA KUNSTFORUM WIEN

## IMAGES OF WOMEN? COLLECTED #8

21 February - 31 March 2019 Official Opening: Wednesday 21 February, 7pm

For the 8<sup>th</sup> edition of the *Collected* exhibition curated by Veronika Rudorfer, Bank Austria Kunstforum Wien presents a selection of works by leading Austrian women artists from the UniCredit Bank Austria art collection including: Renate Bertlmann, VALIE EXPORT, Martha Jungwirth, Birgit Jürgenssen, Kiki Kogelnik, Friederike Pezold, Margot Pilz, Eva Schlegel, Nina Rike Springer, Gabi Trinkaus as well as an intervention by Agnes Prammer.

The current conservation surrounding the representation of the female body in art is fuelling much debate within the art world and beyond. The critique of sexualised images is loudly voiced in art institutions and It is noticeable that the male gaze, whether that of the artist or of the viewer, generally hogs the spotlight. Therefore, women artists who portray other women and thus create images remote from the regime of a male-dominated perspective, are almost completely left out of the conversation and media radars.

Through photography, collage, painting and drawing these artists analyse the objectification of the female body normalises the concept of "beauty". The socially determined, supposedly typical female role assignments, are thus casting an individual light onto "woman" and forms of femaleness.



## **MEDIA RELATIONS:**

