

treger saint silvestre: *the art brut collection.*! the centro de arte oliva in gugging

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In cooperation with the [Centro de Arte Oliva](#), the [museum gugging](#) is bringing the renowned [Treger Saint Silvestre Collection](#) from Portugal to Austria for the first time. Around 150 works by more than 80 artists are being shown. António Saint Silvestre and Richard Treger possess one of the most extensive private collections of international Art Brut. This exhibition therefore provides a representative overview of the outstanding and impressively diverse collection. It includes classic artists, such as [Aloïse Corbaz](#), [Henry Darger](#) and [Adolf Wölfli](#), as well as younger ones like [Kostia Botkine](#), [Misleidys Castillo Pedroso](#) and [Sébastien Ferreira](#). The Treger Saint Silvestre Collection also contains works by *Artists from Gugging*, such as [Laila Bachtiar](#) and [Philipp Schöpke](#), among others.

As Artistic Director of the *museum gugging*, Johann Feilacher emphasizes: “In addition to the high quality of the works it has gathered together, the Treger Saint Silvestre Collection also stands out for its global orientation.” He has also stated: “We are looking forward to having works from Paraguay, Brazil, Cuba, Uruguay, Ivory Coast, Senegal, Iran, India and, of course, Maria Gugging. Opening windows onto the world with the art of Gugging has always been a central aim of the Art Brut Center in Gugging. And, of course, we are looking forward to welcoming a great number of international visitors corresponding to the exquisite quality of this show.”

For more than half a century, the *Artists from Gugging* – including Johann Hauser, August Walla and Oswald Tschirtner – have been among the most important protagonists of Art Brut in the world. The Art Brut Center is headed by Johann Feilacher and consists of the *House of Artists*, where twelve artists live and work; the *museum gugging*, which also places their work in dialogue with international art; and the *galerie gugging*, which represents the *Artists from Gugging* and other artists on the international art market.

In addition to the exhibition presented here, the show “gugging.! classic & contemporary” can be seen at the *museum gugging* until April 1, 2024, and the exhibition “MELLITIUS.! august walla: food passion” at the *galerie gugging* from March 10 to June 12, 2022.

“We are very, very excited and honored to have part of our collection shown in the *museum gugging* in Austria”, announce Richard Treger and António Saint Silvestre in a joint statement. “It’s important for us to show our collection in Austria because we consider Gugging one of the main Art Brut institutions in the world. Being able to show about 150 works is just amazing. When we first came to Gugging, we were very impressed by the way it was run allowing the artists total liberty. In our collection of about 1,500 pieces, we have bought a big number of Gugging artists. From this exhibition we hope people will understand that our collection was put together purely by love of the works and not because of the names of the artists.”

The international character of the collection reflects that of the collectors: The pianist Richard Treger from Zimbabwe met the self-taught artist António Saint Silvestre from Mozambique in Paris, where they decided to open a gallery together. When their collecting activity took the upper hand, they sold their gallery and, since 2010, they have dedicated themselves solely to their collection, which has been housed in the Centro de Arte Oliva in São João da Madeira, Portugal, since 2014.

Opening and Closing Event

The exhibition opening will be held at 7:00pm (Central European Time) on Wednesday, April 6, 2022. You can follow the livestream of the opening from anywhere in the world at www.museumgugging.at/eroeffnung. A shuttle bus will be available for guests travelling from Vienna. An opening in English will be held at 7:00 pm (Eastern Standard Time, i.e. New York time) at www.museumgugging.at/opening. The closing event on September 11, 2022, will be a colorful celebration of autumn at the Art Brut Center, where an outing in the beautiful Vienna Forest is especially enticing.

If you have any questions, please don't hesitate to contact:

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