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Austrian Sculpture Park

Austrian Sculpture Park, Thalerhofstrasse 85, A-8141 Unterpremstätten

Opening hours: 1st April to 31st October, Mon-Sun: 10am - 8pm

Free entrance

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The Austrian Sculpture Park adds an important facet of contemporary art to the Joanneum Universal Museum portfolio. Founded in 2003, the purpose of the park is to show contemporary Austrian sculpture in an international context and the reciprocal relationship between nature, art and mankind. Art communicates here with the unique, subtle and yet distinctive landscaped setting designed by Swiss architect Dieter Kienast. The park and its 61 sculptures spotlight aspects of the history of sculpture, from classic anthropomorphic sculpture via the extension into furniture sculpture (and thus incorporation into ordinary life) to conceptual language works. The experience of time and space is explored in sundry materials, as are social topics in mutating or interactive exhibits. There are found objects, natural art works, landscape sculpture, garden sculpture, interventions, art as action – in short, the whole gamut of contemporary sculpture is there to be experienced.

Apart from the expansion of the collection and involvement in academic debate, visitor services, special guided tours and various one-off events are being developed under the aegis of chief curator Peter Weibel. In parallel, the unique ambience is available to organizers of cultural events and culturally-minded companies for events, receptions and presentations.

Artists represented in the Austrian Sculpture Park

Hans Aeschbacher (CH), Joannis Avramidis (GE), Herbert Boeckl (A), Erwin Bohatsch (A), Tom Carr (E), Manfred Erjautz (A), Eva & Adele (A, D), Richard Fleissner (D), Heinz Gappmayr (A), Bruno Gironcoli (A), Fritz Hartlauer (A), Karin Hazelwander (A), Jeppe Hein (DK), Oskar Höfinger (A), Sabina Hörtner (A), Bryan Hunt (Indiana, USA), Michael Kienzer (A), Othmar Krenn (A), Hans Kupelwieser (A), Heinz Leinfellner (SLO), Christoph Lissy (D), Tony Long (USA), Marianne Maderna (A), Rudi Molacek (A), Gerhard Moswitzer (A), Oswald Oberhuber (I), Franz Xaver Ölzant (A), Carmen Perrin (BOL), Franz Pichler (A), Josef Pillhofer (A), Tobias Pils (A), Patrick Pulsinger (D), Michael Pinter (A), Tobias Rehberger (D), Werner Reiterer (A), Nancy Rubins (USA), Jörg Schlick (A), Martin Schnur (A), Michael Schuster (A), Hartmut Skerbisch (A), Susana Solano (E), Christa Sommerer (A), Ilija Šoškic (ME), Thomas Stimm (A), Ingeborg Strobl (A), Gustav Troger (A), Matta Wagnest (A), Martin Walde (A), Peter Weibel (RUS), Lois Weinberger (A), Franz West (A), Markus Wilfling (A), Fritz Wotruba (A), Erwin Wurm (A), Otto Zitko (A), Heimo Zobernig (A)