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Revised and Expanded Max Stern Exhibition to be Held at the Municipal Museum

The exhibition on Max Stern at the Düsseldorf Municipal Museum, which had been originally scheduled and subsequently canceled, is now to be held at a later date at the Municipal Museum in an expanded and revised form. A co-curator (male or female) and a research advisor are to be installed for the exhibition. Talks for this are currently underway. Further information on this is expected to be published in mid-January 2018.

Given a number of outstanding questions related to the Max Stern Gallery which were also triggered by requests for information and restitution at German museums, the state capital will be hosting an international conference in the fall of 2018. The goal is to pay homage to Max Stern, provide a forum on the topic area for research and discuss potential forms of communication and documentation of the topic.

Max Stern Bio

The art historian Max Stern (1904-1987), a native of Düsseldorf, is one of the victims of National Socialism. Following his PhD in 1928, Max Stern joined the gallery of his father, Julius Stern, established in 1913, taking it over in 1934 after his father's death. The gallery focused on trade in art belonging to the Düsseldorf School of painting, but also contemporary art and later increasingly on the Old Masters. Alongside the Alfred Flechtheim Gallery, Paffrath Gallery and for example, the Tietz Art Salon, it was among the most well-known addresses in the Düsseldorf art dealer scene in the first third of the 20th century.

Because of his Jewish heritage Max Stern 1935 was denied acceptance to the Chamber of Fine Arts and prevented from continuing to operate his gallery, being forced to liquidate it at the end of 1937. Stern fled the country shortly thereafter to London via Paris and from there on to Canada in 1941.



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