

Press Release

JÜRGEN HOLTZ

Drawings, Watercolors,
Scripture Figures

July 15 - 29 and August 22 - September 17

Opening: July 14, 2017, 6 pm - 9 pm

The artist will be present.

**Goethestraße 2-3, 10623 Berlin
Entrance B via the courtyard**



Jürgen Holtz, *Herzog Ohnefurcht*, 2002., 29 x 29 cm
Courtesy: The artist and Galerie Bernet Bertram, Berlin

Actor **Jürgen Holtz** has been intensively dedicated to painting and drawing alongside his theatre productions since his youth. In this exhibition for his 85th birthday we will be showing a selection of his art works for the first time: recent **drawings, sketches, and smaller compositions** as well as caricatures and satiric works in which Jürgen Holtz presents his position in relation to history and current events. As a whole, they are exacting renderings that shake things up, both inspiring and silencing laughter. Jürgen Holtz, a clown hovering above water, never loses his sense of humour throughout this process. He tells jokes pictorially, sings and quotes songs, and creates directives with his strange and fantastical personnel, emphasising his playful approach. Additional works will also be shown, with an array of curious typeface figures in the style of Asian and Arabic Ideograms. By their sheer numbers these puzzlingly poetic letters become a new and unknown font. Jürgen Holtz turns towards nature and atmospheric landscapes with his **aquarelles**. The large format works are concurrently portraits of his own invention. Heaven and Earth push against each other, tree and cloud become one, as they transform into an image of the artist himself.

JÜRGEN HOLTZ, born in Berlin in 1932, has been a theatre actor almost continually since the 1950s. He can currently be found on stage in the Berliner Ensemble's productions of Bertolt Brecht's "Threepenny Opera" and Samuel Beckett's "Endgame". He has acted in prominent roles over the years, often in legendary performances and productions. In 1993 Jürgen Holtz was actor of the year. He is winner of the Adolf Grimme Prize, the Gertrud Eysold Ring, the Berliner Theater Prize and the Akademie der Künste's Konrad Wolf Prize.

Special event to be hosted by the gallery in August

**Thursday August 31, 2017, 8 pm
Artist talk with Jürgen Holtz (in German Language)**

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Opening Hours: Tuesday - Friday 12 - 6pm

Saturdays 12 - 4pm and by appointment

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