

Press release

**JÜRGEN HOLTZ**  
KASPAR, PUPPE, KROKODIL  
PUNCH, DOLL, CROCODILE

**SATIREN, KARIKATUREN,  
ABSTRAKTIONEN**

**13 June to 29 August 2020**

**Goethestraße 2-3,  
10623 Berlin, Charlottenburg**



Jürgen Holtz, Kaspar und Puppe haben ein Kind (Detail)  
Courtesy: The artist and Galerie Bernet Bertram

The exhibition includes drawings, caricatures and abstract works on paper created by the Artist and actor **Jürgen Holtz** in the last two years. With his unmistakable handwriting, with colored felt-tip pens and watercolor, highly alert, concentrated and with a light hand, Jürgen Holtz casts sharp glances at contemporary affairs and at the same time deeper into history, warning against arrogance, complacency and presumption.

Punch, doll and crocodile as the classical actors of the puppet show compete against the grotesquely horrible arsenal of screamers, gathered arsonists, ghosts and gas masks dancing the tango. Even the devil is not missing when hitting, stabbing, pricking, trampling and kicking. "On the one hand, my pictures are bitterly serious, on the other hand, they are absolutely laughable," says Holtz. Meanwhile, children who experience the world in a completely different way are spreading confidence and humor. For example, a toddler sitting on the edge of a meadow surrounded by a fence: a recurring logo and signature of the artist at the same time.

**Jürgen Holtz**, born in Berlin in 1932, has been intensively dedicated to painting and drawing alongside his theatre productions since his youth. In 2017, Galerie Bernet Bertram presented for the first time major parts of his work for his 85<sup>th</sup> birthday. As an actor Jürgen Holtz most recently appeared on stage as Galileo Galilei at the Berliner Ensemble 2019. 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 Konrad Wolf Prize of the Academy of Arts, Berlin.

**Due to the current situation, a vernissage is not possible, as we are only allowed to welcome a limited number of guests at the same time. During the regular opening hours, however, every visitor is welcome. Please phone or mail us.**

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