

"Schwabing Art Trove" Task Force announces members

The "Schwabing Art Trove" Task Force has now completed the intensive work, including registration and initial inspection, necessary before a partial list of artworks seized in the home of Cornelius Gurlitt can be published. Some 458 objects, including paintings, drawings and prints, are already displayed on the www.lostart.de website in the hope that the public will be able to help clarify their provenance. According to current information, these works may have been confiscated from their owners by the Nazis ("Nazi-confiscated art").

After all the formalities concerning the composition of the task force were successfully concluded, the head of the task force, Dr Ingeborg Berggreen-Merkel, said: "I am very grateful for the broad-based, also international, support for our work. Having nationally and internationally recognized experts on the task force will guarantee that our work is objective and of high quality."

The task force was established by the Federal Government and the government of the Free State of Bavaria. It is assisting the Augsburg public prosecutor's office with the necessary research, clarifying the origin and circumstances under which the artworks found in Mr Gurlitt's home were found and which may have been confiscated by the Nazis from their owners.

In its research, the task force will also be able to rely on an extensive network of provenance researchers and additional specialists who have devoted themselves to the search for Nazi-confiscated art for many years. After the task force has completed its research into the Nazi-confiscated art, it will then research the provenance of works confiscated as part of the Nazi campaign against "degenerate art" (Aktion Entartete Kunst) in 1937 and 1938. These included works by artists condemned by the Nazis, especially Expressionist, neo-realist and Dadaist works which were removed from public collections and museums.

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