

PRESS RELEASE

Out of Austria: Marking the 80th anniversary of the *Anschluss* (annexation of Austria) on 12th March 1938

14 March – 29 April 2018



Marking the 80th anniversary of the *Anschluss* (annexation of Austria), the exhibition ***Out of Austria*** brings together over 40 works by more than 20 Austrian artists who fled to Great Britain during the era of National Socialism.

This exhibition examines their experiences, careers, impact and legacy as émigré artists in the UK. Works are primarily from the Ben Uri Collection, with key external loans from public collections including Bishop Otter Gallery, University of Chichester, the Marie-Louise von Motesiczky Trust and Senate House Library, as well as works (some never previously exhibited) from private collections.

Included are paintings, graphics, sculptures and ceramics by Hugo Dachinger, Ernst Eisenmayer, Oskar Kokoschka, Marie-Louise von Motesiczky, Georg Ehrlich, Willi Soukop, Siegfried Charoux and Lucie Rie.

Writer and artist Josephine Auspitz, whose poignant *Lake View* is included, was among those whose property was confiscated, assets seized, and was deported on 15 July 1942 to Theresienstadt, in Nazi-occupied Czechoslovakia, where she died on 20 January 1943.

Press welcome from 2pm and at the opening reception on Tuesday 13 March from 6:30pm at Ben Uri, 108a Boundary Road, off Abbey Road, London NW8 0RH.

Exhibition opens to the public 14 March - 28 April 2018 - Admission FREE.

Co-curated by Sarah MacDougall and Rachel Dickson.

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Hugo Dachinger, *Portrait of a Man (Huyton Internment Camp)*, 1940, Ben Uri Collection © The Estate of Hugo Dachinger

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Ben Uri Gallery & Museum, 108a Boundary Road, off Abbey Road, London, NW8 0RH. Opening times: Mon–Fri 10am–5.30pm, Sat–Sun 11am–5pm

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