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Kunsthhaus Kanner

Museum for Outsider Art and Contemporary Art

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Opening Times

Tuesday till Sunday 1pm - 5pm
Sensory Park and café, daily 9am - 8pm
admission free

Guided Tours

By appointment: Monday till Friday, 9am - 5pm

More Offers on the Alexianer Campus

Sensory Park and Petting Zoo, Garden of Silence, Church, Garden Store, Hotel am Wasserturm, Café and Bistro

Newsletter

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Using Public Transport

Bus: No. 7 / 18 / R41, Münster-Ottmarsbocholt
Stop: Alexianer-Campus
Travel duration: 25min. from the Central Station



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Wavelength

February 11 – April 7, 2024

The exhibition conveys the creative dialogue with psychiatric situations using a wide variety of media – painting, drawing, sculpture, photography and film. Students at the Münster Art Academy deal with the social context of psychiatry. The question is whether there is a wavelength between art and psychiatry. The exhibition invites you to explore these questions.

Look at me

April 14 – June 2, 2024

A face can say many things. With some you can see what thoughts are hidden behind them while others remain closed to us forever. The spring exhibition shows drawings, painted works and ceramics by the artists at the Kunsthhaus. The works make it clear what different approaches are possible to the representation of a face.

What are we looking at?

June 9th – September 15th, 2024

Abstract art is variety. Drawings, paintings, fabric and wood. Pen on paper. The artists at the Kunsthhaus create new colors, shapes and surfaces using a wide variety of materials. Abstract art is not silent. Colors have relationships with shapes, shapes with areas, and areas with colors. The special exhibition is about this diversity of the abstract.

Das Kunsthaus Kannen

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Kunsthaus Kannen is situated between Lüdinghausen and Münster in the middle of the green parkland of Münsterland, in close proximity to the Dortmund-Ems canal with excellent connections to its extensive bicycle routes. An integral part of the Alexianer Münster GmbH, a clinic for psychiatry and psychotherapy since 1996, Kunsthaus Kannen was originally created in order to support the needs of long-term patients with exceptional artistic talent. Their creativity and development has been supported since the early 1980s. The created works were so convincing that the erection of a museum with ateliers made sense.



Klaus Mücke

In the course of years, Kunsthaus Kannen not only expanded but also gained a national and international reputation as a well-known place to meet and exchange views. Numerous national and international exhibitions and cooperations between outsider artists and professional artists have resulted in Kunsthaus Kannen evolving into a meeting place for Contemporary Art and Art Brut.

A spacious new building covering an area of 620m² which is suitable for people with special needs has been providing space for art studios and an exhibition hall under the same roof since 2000 with lots of space for projects, workshops, conferences and lectures dealing with the subjects "art and psychiatry", "art brut" and "outsider art". Today, Kunsthaus Kannen is strongly integrated in the city's cultural offer.



Exhibition hall 2016

Studios

The Kunsthaus Kannen studios for drawing and painting provide room for 15 people in an area of 150sqm, and these spaces are an integral part of the hospital's different projects. For those who are looking for sculptural expression there is also a work-room available. Under the care of experienced art therapists, both psychiatric and mentally disabled people have the opportunity to develop their talents and to learn different techniques of artistic expression.

Furthermore there are various workshops which provide the opportunity to meet artists from other studios, both Germany and beyond, as well as to exchange and expand their experiences gained during years of active creativity. A studio community has arisen, in which everybody is able to develop his or her own style. In a supporting climate full of esteem and acceptance pictures, sculptures, drawings, figures and actions are created.

Collection

Using the wealth of material collected of more than 35 years of art therapy, Kunsthaus Kannen has organized numerous exhibitions both around Germany and abroad. The collection now consists of more than 5000 works of art including drawings, paintings and several sculptural objects.



As an integrative meeting place, the Kunsthaus welcomes all of the interested visitors to its studios and exhibitions, small specialized library and museum shop.

The new Book of Kunsthaus Kannen (incl. DVD) presents 45 artists that work here for generations. Kerber Verlag, 304 pgs, ISBN 978-3-7356-0303-6 for 28,-€