Felix Martin Furtwängler

Felix M. Furtwängler was born in Karlsruhe in 1954. He studied at the Art School Alsterdamm in Hamburg and later as Gerhart Bergmann’s master student at the University of the Arts in Berlin. He alternately resides and works in Berlin and Memmingen/Allgäu. Furtwängler’s print graphics in particular explore almost all available techniques, including woodcuts, linocuts, and etchings. He uses literary works by Georg Trakl, Gottfried Benn, or Ingeborg Bachmann, among others, as inspiration and foundation for his prints, most of which are unica. Our program cover has been taken from Furtwängler’s Granarybook The Man Who Was Always Standing There, which is based on selected passages from The Theory of Angels by Franz Kamin. The woodcuts are printed in up to seven colors by Ruth Lingen on simili japon paper. While working on the book, the artist resided in New York City. His most recent catalogue for the corresponding exhibition Der Maler liebt die Einsamkeit has been published by Harrasowitz Verlag Wiesbaden.

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September

TUESDAY, SEPTEMBER 17, 8:00 P.M.
A Reading from *A Sense of Direction: Pilgrimage for the Restless and the Hopeful*
Gideon Lewis-Kraus, Author, New York
In cooperation with the Carl-Schurz-Haus / Deutsch-Amerikanisches Institut e.V.
Location: Artjamming, Günterstalstraße 41, Freiburg

October

THURSDAY, OCTOBER 31, 6:15 P.M.
China’s Search for Security
Andrew Nathan, Class of 1919 Professor of Political Science, Columbia University, and Axel Springer Fellow, the American Academy in Berlin
In cooperation with the Cluster of Excellence “Asia and Europe in a Global Context,” and the American Academy in Berlin
Location: HCA, Curt und Heidemarie Engelhorn Palais, Hauptstr. 120, Heidelberg

November

FRIDAY, NOVEMBER 8, 6:15 P.M.
Jazz as a Global Culture of Dissent
Penny von Eschen, Professor of History and American Culture, University of Michigan
In cooperation with Enjoy Jazz
Location: HCA, Curt und Heidemarie Engelhorn Palais, Hauptstr. 120, Heidelberg

December

THURSDAY, DECEMBER 5, 6:15 P.M.
What, if Anything, Does Europe Have to Learn from the United States about Corporate Social Responsibility?
Caroline Kaeb, Visiting Assistant Professor of Law, Northwestern University School of Law, and David J. Scheffer, Mayer Brown/Robert A. Helman Professor of Law; Director, Center for International Human Rights, Northwestern University School of Law; and Berlin Prize Fellow, the American Academy in Berlin
In cooperation with the American Academy in Berlin
Location: HCA, Curt und Heidemarie Engelhorn Palais, Hauptstr. 120, Heidelberg

January

THURSDAY, JANUARY 23, 8:15 P.M.
Meet the Author: Peter Wortsman
Ghost Dance in Berlin – Bittersweet Musings of an American Author of German-Speaking Jewish Heritage
Peter Wortsman, Author, New York
In cooperation with the Deutsch-Amerikanisches Institut Tübingen (d.a.i.)
Location: d.a.i., Karlstr. 3, Tübingen

THURSDAY, JANUARY 30, 6:15 P.M.
Snowball Inequality: The New American Aristocracy and the Crisis of Capitalism
Daniel Markovits, Guido Calabresi Professor of Law, Yale Law School, and Fellow, Wissenschaftskolleg zu Berlin
Location: HCA, Curt und Heidemarie Engelhorn Palais, Hauptstr. 120, Heidelberg