

## **„Fantastic Venus“**

### **Unique show with works of international women artists in Viechtach in the Bavarian Forest**

Viechtach. This summer, an art show never seen before in the world awaits art lovers in Viechtach, the town in the Bavarian Forest: The exhibition of “Fantastic Venus“, curated by Reinhard Schmid, presents the works of not less than 70 women artists from all over the world working in the genre of Fantastic Art. This is the climax so far of Viechtach’s successful commitment to this field of art. Schmid promises an entertaining vernissage on Friday, 24 July 2015, as well as a spectacular exhibition up to early November in the Old Townhall of Viechtach.

„Center of Fantastic Art“ – the town of Viechtach in the Bavarian Forest has been given this name with good reason. Every year it successfully presents exhibitions with excellent international artists in the field of Fantastic Art. There will be one more highlight this year: Reinhard Schmid, curator and provider of ideas, cooperates with the town of Viechtach to organize an unprecedented art show. “Fantastic Venus“ presents the works of 70 women artists from all over the world in Viechtach. Laudator Dana Güttler, Director of the Academy of Fine Art in Bad Homburg, is delighted with this idea: „I know that the town of Viechtach, and above all curator Reinhard Schmid, sets an important signal with the exhibition “Fantastic Venus” presenting women as artists, in times that could not have been more convenient. Ask yourself how many famous female artists you know - and how many famous male artists! This exhibition will contribute to emphasizing women’s competence in the field of art.”

Since 2007, there has been an excellent cooperation between the town of Viechtach and the local artist Reinhard Schmid in the effort to bring top-class artists and artist groups from all over the world to Viechtach for exhibitions of Fantastic Art. Reinhard Schmid, born in 1960, lived and worked in Chicago for quite a time. He has an art gallery of his own in Viechtach. As a member of the French group “Libellule”, he has been taking part in exhibition projects all over Europe since 2008. In 2010 he was awarded the “Medaille de Vermeil“ of the academic society “Arts-Sciences-Lettres“ (Paris) and last year he was given the “Glasstraßenpreis“ (Glass Road Award). “Fantastic Venus“ is a project that means a lot to him personally. He refers to the official history of art where art made by women often has not been given the attention it deserves. Schmid says that particularly in the field of Fantastic Art he has got to know many excellent female talents in the last years. This is why he has had the idea and the desire to offer an exclusive forum to these women artists and to present the importance, the skill and the imagination exclusively of women artists at the highest level. In the foreword to the exhibition catalog, Schmid writes: “It will be the first exhibition of this kind, where 70 professional women artists from the fields of Fantastic Art, Magic Realism, Neo-surrealism, Lowbrow or similar genres from all over the world can be seen together.“

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The exhibition will be opened on Friday, 24 July at 19:00 in the Old Townhall (Altes Rathaus), Viechtach, Stadtplatz 1, 94234 Viechtach, Germany, phone 0049(0) 9942-1661. Admission is free. All art lovers are cordially invited. After the vernissage, there will be a colorful summer night party on the town square.

For opening hours, see: [www.viechtach.de](http://www.viechtach.de), phone 0049(0) 9942-1661

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