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RAY Partner Project: Museum Giersch der Goethe-Universität opens exhibition on Nini and Carry Hess

Following the completion of the technical renovation work, the MGGU - Museum Giersch der Goethe-Universität will be showcasing a comprehensive retrospective of the work of the Frankfurt photographers Nini (1884-1943?) and Carry Hess (1889-1957). As part of the RAY 2021 partner projects, the exhibition will be on display from 11 March - 22 May 2022.

With around 120 original photographs from 27 different lenders - both public and private - the exhibition is the first to reconstruct the life and work of the two sisters, whose photo studio was one of the most renowned of its kind in the Weimar Republic, but is almost forgotten today. "With this exhibition, we are continuing the tradition of our museum by once again focusing on artists who have received little attention so far. The impressive photographic work of Nini and Carry Hess is well worth discovering," says Birgit Sander, director of the MGGU.

The Hess studio, which was situated in a prime location at Rathenauplatz since 1913, initially specialised in portrait photography. During the 1920s, numerous celebrities such as Max Beckmann, Alfred Döblin, Paul Hindemith, Thomas and Katia Mann or Mary Wigman were among the photographers' clientele. With their theatre, architecture, fashion and nude photographs, the two women also achieved recognition far beyond their hometown of Frankfurt. Their photographs, which were widely published in newspapers, magazines and books, as autograph cards or as collectible pictures in advertising albums, played a decisive role in shaping the style of image publishing in the 1920s - especially their impressive photographs of modern women. The two women photographers were well-connected, successful and independent and embodied the independent and ambitious "New Woman" of the Weimar Republic.

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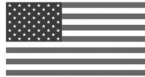


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