

**Press Release**  
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## **Philippe Büttner becomes new collection curator at the Kunsthaus Zürich.**

**On 1 September the Swiss art historian Dr. Philippe Büttner will take over from Dr. Christian Klemm as curator of the collection at the Kunsthaus Zürich.**

The Board of the Zürcher Kunstgesellschaft is delighted to welcome a recognized connoisseur of international and Swiss art to the Kunsthaus Zürich. Born in Basel in 1961, Philippe Büttner obtained a doctorate in art history from the University of Basel in 1997, remaining there until 1999 as an assistant in the early and medieval section of the Art History department. He also worked as an art educator for museums in Basel while pursuing his studies.

In 2000 he was recruited by the Fondation Beyeler as an academic assistant and in 2003 was appointed curator by Christoph Vitali and Ernst Beyeler. Dr. Büttner has been responsible for a number of large-scale collection presentations and has curated exhibitions on Henri Rousseau (2010), Jenny Holzer (2009), Fernand Léger (2008), Sarah Morris (2008) and Wolfgang Laib (2005). His final contribution to the Fondation Beyeler will be the major exhibition on Surrealism in Paris that opens in the autumn.

Philippe Büttner is considered an expert on Swiss collection history and international art history. His knowledge ranges from the Middle Ages through Classical Modernism to contemporary art, and therefore mirrors the collection profile of the Kunsthaus Zürich. He succeeds collection curator Christian Klemm, who is retiring after almost 30 years at the Kunsthaus. As well as further opening up the holdings of over 4,000 paintings and sculptures and making them accessible to visitors in the collection rooms, Dr. Büttner will be involved in the new presentation of the collection that is now being prepared for the extended Kunsthaus.

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