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## **Art on the Campus: „Art Brut Center Gugging“**

### **Neighbours of IST Austria: “museum gugging” and “galerie gugging”**

As neighbour on the new campus of the Institute of Science and Technology Austria (IST Austria) can be found an absolute jewel of the Austrian cultural landscape, enjoying great international fame. On a hill above the central building and the newly-built lecture hall lies the “Art Brut Center Gugging”. Since 2006 works by artists from the former psychiatric hospital Gugging are presented, which since the 1970s belong to the most important representatives of Art Brut worldwide.

The French artist Jean Dubuffet describes Art Brut as an original art form with a very personal language, often spontaneous and without being limited by academic or theoretical training. From September 17, 2009, onwards these classical works can be seen once more now that the second building phase has been completed, in the permanent exhibition “gugging classics”. Also to be seen from September 2009 on is the exhibition “duo.! – anton dobyay/oswald tschirtner”, a tribute to two artists of the first phase, namely Oswald Tschirtner with his well-known elongated figures and Anton Dobay with more than 120 mainly miniature works.

Closely connected with “museum gugging” is the gallery on the ground floor of “Art Brut Center Gugging”. Since May 2009, the “galerie gugging” will be run as “Galerie der Künstler aus Gugging Betriebs GmbH” (Gallery of the Artists of Gugging Ltd.). This new structure makes it possible to display and sell the works of internationally recognised Art Brut artists beside the works of artists from Gugging, who will remain the focus of attention in future. In this way visitors will have a view of the world of Art Brut independently of other exhibitions taking place in “museum gugging”. Dr. Johann Feilacher is the artistic director of “museum gugging”, with Mag. Nina Katschnig as location manager.

IST Austria and the “Art Brut Center Gugging” are good neighbours. A new direct approach road to the “Art Brut Center Gugging” was constructed during the remodelling of the campus. The route from the new laid-out roundabout up the hill is clearly signposted, so avoiding the twisting route through the grounds.

“galerie gugging” has loaned IST Austria 15 works for the duration of the opening festivities, for the rooms in the administrative building and offices, and this will demonstrate the close connection between the two institutions. In addition there are plans for cooperation in events such as, for example, the annual autumn cultural fair.

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