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**Strich & Faden - Heimat, Volkskunst und Travestie**

## Rinaldo Hopf



### Artist Statement

In my work group "Goldene Hans" I make a journey through German history by appropriating youth culture imagery. To the images of German youth groups from various eras I have added a self-portrait in gold, the "Goldenen Hans", "Hans" signifying the quintessential Germanness.

For this self-portrait I have used a pass photo of myself as a 13 year old, its androgyny always embarrassed me. In this series however, it proved an advantage: Placed among the boys its masculinity is underlined, among the girls, the feminine aspect comes out.

I have printed the silk-screens on vintage textiles matching the various eras. The images I used are partly by well-known photographers like Herbert Tobias, others are taken from private collections.

Without making judgments, these works allow me to connect to the various groups through a process of identification: The pre-war Jewish sport group from Berlin, the Hitler youth celebrating Christmas in a bunker near Stalingrad, Frankfurt rocker, and a rural pre-68 girls choir.

### Bio

Born 1955 in Freiburg. Active as artist since 1988. Lives in Berlin, Bergkirchen and Auroville, India.

Studies art, ethnology, psychology and religion in Freiburg, San Francisco and Bremen. Educated as art therapist in 1981. Study travels to Paris and Barcelona. From 1984 – 87 employed as art therapist at the Karl-Bonhoeffer Nervous Clinic, Berlin.

### Exhibition Participations (current selection)

PS1 Museum, New York  
Akademie der Künste, Berlin  
Künstlerhaus Bethanien, Berlin  
Schwules Museum, Berlin  
Atatürk Cultural Center, Istanbul  
Leslie-Lohman Foundation, New York  
Museum of UCLA, Irvine, Los Angeles  
Circulo Bellas Artes, Madrid  
Museo Universitario, Sao Paulo  
Museo del Chopo, Mexico City  
Sri Aurobindo Exhibition Hall, Pondicherry, India  
Deutsch Foundation, Lausanne  
Kaskadenkondensator, Basel  
3.Berliner Kunstsalon, Arena, Berlin

## **Curatorial Activities**

Akademie der Künste, Berlin  
Schwules Museum, Berlin  
Werkstattgalerie, Berlin  
Boudoir, Berlin  
Galeria Carmen de la Guerra, Madrid  
Kunstbehandlung, Munich

## **Bibliography**

2006 „Amore“, photo book, Konkursbuchverlag Claudia Gehrke, Tübingen  
2004 „Subversiv“, photo book, Konkursbuchverlag Claudia Gehrke, Tübingen

Editor of the gay art/writing anthology „Mein schwules Auge“ #3, 2006; #4, 2007; #5, 2008,  
Konkursbuchverlag Claudia Gehrke, Tübingen

**Short Movie** „Without Sin there is no Glamour“, 2000, presented at international festivals

## **Grants**

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## **Collections** (selection)

Neuer Berliner Kunstverein  
Sammlung Henning, Berlin  
Sammlung Allianz, Berlin  
Sammlung Theis, Berlin  
Sammlung Arnold Stadler, Berlin  
Schwules Museum, Berlin  
Elton John Collection, London  
Joram Deutsch Foundation, Lausanne  
Coleccion Visible, Madrid  
Leslie-Lohman Foundation, New York  
Wessel & O'Connor Gallery, New York  
Tom of Finland Foundation, Los Angeles  
James A. McIntosh Collection, Detroit  
Thomas W. Sokolowski Collection Pittsburgh  
Sotheby's, Singapur.

## **Online**

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