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Finja Sander Mögliche Übereinstimmung: Barlach X Sander

In collaboration with the Ernst Barlach Foundation

Opening Thursday, 12 June, 6 – 9 pm
Exhibition 13 June – 19 July 2025

The exhibition *Mögliche Übereinstimmung: Barlach X Sander* reflects a continuing dialogue between Finja Sander and the work of Ernst Barlach, offering a new phase in her artistic exploration.

A fortunate historical coincidence served as the starting point: in 1904, Ernst Barlach exhibited several of his ceramic works at Richard Mutz's workshop at Ludwigkirchstraße 11 in Berlin-Wilmersdorf – precisely where galerie burster is located today. Inspired by this link, Sander deepened her research into Barlach's legacy and allowed it to unfold into a shared exhibition context.

On view are 24 risograph prints from her 2024 series *Mögliche Übereinstimmung*, which expand on Sander's photographic interpretation of Barlach's iconic sculpture *Der Schwebende*. Through performative imitation and visual reflection, she explores the thematic and formal intersections between her own living body and Barlach's suspended bronze figure.

These works are accompanied by three selected original prints by Barlach, which Sander has translated into large-scale wall murals. These interventions highlight visual parallels and trace formal connections back to *Der Schwebende*.

Besides the artistic works on the wall, Sander reveals part of her conceptual engagement with Barlach as an artist, but also as a contemporary witness living between two World Wars. Her focus lies on Barlach as a conflicted individual in a rapidly changing society, and on the relevance of his war memorials to today's culture of remembrance. To this end, she has selected, annotated, and highlighted excerpts from Barlach's correspondence as well as from her own autobiography, creating a text-based layer that weaves together personal and historical reflection.

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Opening hours: Thursday – Friday 12 – 6 pm, Saturday 12 – 4 pm and by appointment