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SHORT HISTORY OF THE GALLERY & ARTISTS

The first gallery of Dorothea van der Koelen was founded in 1979 in Mainz under the name ›**Galerie Dorothea van der Koelen**‹.

1986 she opened a second exhibition space in the industrial area of the city of Mainz, called ›**Dammweg Art Hall**‹, followed by a third gallery in Venice, called ›**La Galleria**‹, opened parallel to the Venice Art Biennale in 2001.

Beside the 3 galleries Dr. Dorothea van der Koelen founded, together with her brother Martin, in 1995 a publishing house for art books called ›**Chorus-Verlag**‹ and set up in 2003 the ›**Van der Koelen Foundation for Art and Science (on art)**‹.

Dorothea van der Koelen is working with about 20 – 30 international artists from 15 different countries. Beside the exhibitions in her own galleries she curated world wide exhibitions for museums and institutions. During the past 30 years all in all she was involved in about 500 shows in 25 countries.

Beside publishing lectures and texts in more than 100 catalogues and books on contemporary art, the art historian Dr. Dorothea van der Koelen is specialized in art-in-architecture-projects and sculptures in public space.

Since 1981 she participated in more than 130 art fairs around the world (Basle, Bologna, Chicago, Cologne, Frankfurt, Karlsruhe, Madrid, Shanghai). This year the gallery participate for the first time in Dubai at the art fair.

The program is: concrete – conceptual – constructive.

Geometric forms, writings, numbers and architectural elements. Metal and wood sculptures, paintings, paper objects, video works, drawings, light installations.

The main artists are: Lore Bert · Daniel Buren · Eduardo Chillida · Heinz Gappmayr · Raimund Girke · Joseph Kosuth · François Morellet · Jan van Munster · Fabrizio Plessi · Mario Reis · Vera Röhm · Rúrí · Lawrence Weiner · Martin Willing · Bernar Venet · Michel Verjux · Guang-Yao Wu

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