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INVITATION TO THE PRESS CONFERENCE

Museum für Fotografie

Jebensstr. 2, 10623 Berlin

Tue, Wed, Fri, Sat + Sun 11 am – 7 pm, Thu 11 am – 8 pm

Berlin in the 1918/19 Revolution

Photography, Film, Entertainment Culture

9 November 2018 – 3 March 2019

A special exhibition of the Kunstbibliothek – Staatliche Museen zu Berlin

Press conference: Thursday, 8 November 2018, 11 am

Opening: Thursday, 8 November 2018, 7 pm

We would like to invite you to the press preview of the exhibition **Berlin in the 1918/19 Revolution. Photography, Film, Entertainment Culture** on **Thursday, 8 November 2018, 11 am** at the **Museum für Fotografie** in Berlin-Charlottenburg

The revolution in winter and spring 1918/19 was decided in the streets of the imperial capital, Berlin. Berliners celebrated the abdication of the German Emperor with demonstrations in front of the Reichstag and the palace on 9 November 1918, in the newspaper quarter in January 1919 rolls of printing paper were used by the Spartacists to erect barricades against approaching government troops, after fighting had ceased, a large funeral procession crossed Frankfurter Allee to the cemetery in Friedrichsfelde. Press photographers were omnipresent with their big plate cameras, taking shots of orators in the crowd, soldiers behind machine-guns, vehicles carrying party posters in the National Assembly election campaign, and destroyed buildings and ravaged squares. At the same time, everyday life in the city went on. People went to the numerous cinemas with their expanding repertoire of films, enjoyed themselves at revues and cabarets, and danced the two-step and the foxtrot.

With more than 300 photographs, postcards, posters, sheet music, newspapers and magazines, film clips, newsreels and audio stations, the exhibition shows both a photographic history of the 1918-19 revolution in Berlin as a panorama of the entertainment culture of these troubled months.

In attendance:

Joachim Brand

Acting director of the Kunstbibliothek – Staatliche Museen zu Berlin

Enno Kaufhold

Curator of the exhibition

Evelin Förster

Curator of the exhibition

Ludger Derenthal

Curator of the exhibition,

Photographic collection, Kunstbibliothek – Staatliche Museen zu Berlin

To attend the press conference, please send us an E-mail **until Wednesday, 7 November 2018:** presse@smb.spk-berlin.de.

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