

Lovis Corinth

Then came Berlin!

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It is hard to exaggerate Lovis Corinth's contribution to modernism. In his own lifetime the virtuosic painter (1858–1925) was one of the most eminent and influential figures in the Berlin art world. Born and raised in Tapiau (now Gvardeysk) in East Prussia, he moved to the German capital from Munich in 1900. At that time Berlin was already markedly more progressive and vibrant than the Bavarian royal seat. "It didn't take off until Berlin," Corinth reputedly said of his successful career on the Spree.

The Berlinische Galerie is planning a major show for autumn 2026: Lovis Corinth: Then came Berlin! It will focus on Corinth's stellar rise to fame and his huge impact on the art scene in the city, but also on the role played by his domestic entourage. Just how modern the artist was in his work, his lifestyle and his thinking is just as evident in some of the lesser-known details to be spotlighted at this exhibition: Corinth's school of painting, where he primarily taught women, and the work he did for Berlin's theatres. Corinth remains associated with his spontaneous, expressive use of brush and paint, which was to exert a decisive influence on the future course of art. We need only think of Berlin's Junge Wilde, Georg Baselitz or the British painter Lucien Freud. Press Release Berlin, 13.6.25

The Berlinische Galerie boasts a number of outstanding canvases by Lovis Corinth and will be conducting research into its own collection during the run-up to the exhibition. The event will extend the museum's successful series of monographic shows devoted to modernism in Berlin, notably to Edvard Munch in 2023, Ferdinand Hodler in 2021, Lotte Laserstein in 2019, Jeanne Mammen in 2017 and Max Beckmann in 2015.

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Admission 10€, concessions 6€ Wed – Mon 10 am – 6 pm Tue closed

