



REQUIEM

für eine verlorene Stadt

On the occasion of the seventieth anniversary of the destruction of the Kassel city centre, the so-called 'Kasseler Bombennacht', we want to cordially invite you and your friends for the presentation of the exhibition

REQUIEM FOR A LOST CITY

by

Wolfgang Luh

in Sankt Elisabeth-Kirche (St. Elisabeth's Church),
at Friedrichsplatz Kassel,

from September 21 to November 3, 2013;

opening hours:
Tuesday to Sunday, 12 to 6 p.m.

From relics of the destroyed city centre of Kassel, an artistic installation has been built in Elisabethkirche. From a distance it will remind you of the mountains of debris among which survivors were desperately searching after October 23, 1943 for what had given their lives content and meaning till then. Stepping closer, you will be able to recognize innumerable ever smaller fragments of the things which had been natural parts of everyday life.

In the lowest layer you find the heavy fragments like those of hand-crafted stone slabs, of roofing tiles, tiles for floors and walls, pipes from fired clay and porcelain, stone window-sills. On top of that, the white or monochrome shards of dishes made from earthenware or porcelain are lying, mixed with glass shards or with colourfully decorated broken fragments of dishes, glasses and tiles. You can also find rusted metal fragments. And the big objects like the dented tin water-bucket, the soup-pot and the metal water-jar decorated with white enamel and words printed in blue and with a hole caused by the fire should not be ignored. All these fragments, which are vivid proof of the lives of their owners, have survived the past seventy years hidden in the dark, whereas many of their owners were burnt to death in the storm of fire after the raid.

For years already, Wolfgang Luh has found these archaeological fragments and relics on his walks along "Weinberg" and "Rosenhang" quite close to St. Elisabeth's Church. And by gathering them and cleaning them at home and preserving them, he keeps them from final destruction and the oblivion. In this way, Wolfgang Luh has collected more than 220 kilogrammes of fragments. He sees his installation as an act of admonition and homage. REQUIEM FOR A LOST CITY speaks for itself.

We wish you an interesting travel through time with many discoveries and experiences!

We also wish to invite you and your friends for the opening of the exhibition with a special ceremony on Saturday, September 21, 2013!

Beginning: 3.30 p.m.

Welcome by

Peter Bulowski

Pastor

Opening remarks by

Karl-Hermann Wegner

former director of the Museum of the City of Kassel,
President of the Society for the Study of the History and Culture of Hesse

Associations by

Dietrich Fröba M. A.

Deacon

After the opening there will be the first performance of

FRAGMENT REQUIEM.

The musical work of art was planned, developed and realized by the Swiss artist

Jeanine Osborne

as an answer to the installation.

Jeanine Osborne uses an inter-disciplinary approach and works on an international level.

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They will be available at the opening.

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