there there still a problem?

Our work is not finished. We invite you to look through this exhibition, get mad and keep up the fight.
Creative complaining works! We're still anonymous and still committed to taking action. Our work together is complicated, exhilarating and something we just can't stop. We promise to continue making trouble in the artworld and beyond, and hope that you will too. Our motto: do one thing. If it works, do another. If it doesn't, do another anyway. Just keep chipping away.

Guerrilla Girls

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In 1985, a group of female activists founded the Guerrilla Girls in response to an exhibition at the Museum of Modern Art in New York, which was touted as an international overview of contemporary painting and sculpture. Among the 165 represented artists were only 13 women, and even fewer people of colour, Black or Indigenous creatives. Since then, the US-based group has evolved into an internationally recognised collective that agitates against sexism, racism and discrimination as well as corruptionand the abuse of power within the art establishment.

This crusade for change is waged by disseminating statistical data and pointed statements on posters, handbills, brochures and in videos. During their performances, which are also a central element of their work, they wear gorilla masks in order to remain anonymous and to ensure that the message – rather than the messenger – command full attention. More recently they have broadened their critical focus to include the realms of film and theatre, popular culture and politics. With the financial support of the Stiftung Hamburger Kunstsammlungen, it was possible in 2022 to acquire the Guerrilla Girls' complete works to date. The current presentation of some 100 items is the largest-ever collective showing in Germany.





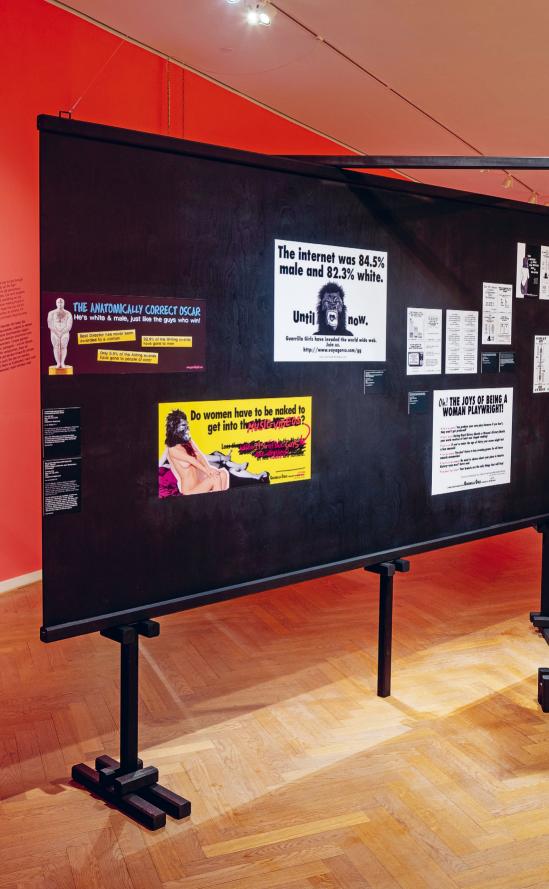


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The activist group Guerrilla Girls provided commentary and contextualisation for their exhibited works. Those texts are not reproduced here. We recommend the catalogue 'Guerrilla Girls: The Art of Behaving Badly', published in 2020 by Chronicle Verlag.









SELFIE STATION

Become a Guerrilla Girl and join the protest! Put on a mask! Take a stand! And carry the protest with you outside the museum – either by taking a selfie here in the exhibition or by using our digital face filter on Instagram:









GLOSSARY

So many abbreviations! And new ones all the time! The feminist discourse is changing at a rapid pace, and even self-proclaimed feminists are not always familiar with the latest terminology. For this reason, we decided to integrate a 'Feminist Glossary' in the exhibition. Twenty-five terms are explained on twenty-five cushions. The selection is not all-encompassing, but when you stumble over an unfamiliar word or acronym in the gallery texts, hopefully there will be a cushion nearby for a soft landing! Linger awhile and make yourself comfortable. Discover new words and read more about the ones you're unsure of. And if it all gets to be too much, feel free to scream into a cushion or punch it. We only ask that you refrain from trampling – either literally or figuratively – on 'Feminism' and 'Care Work'.

INTERACTIVE STATISTIC

As an introduction to the statistical analyses of the Graphics and Poster Collection, we asked visitors to estimate the number of solo exhibitions by female graphic designers that have been held at the MK&G to date. Estimates varied, with many putting the number at less than 25.

The correct answer: not a single one.

