

## Press release

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### Gallery Thomas sale

**Van Ham is pleased to announce that it has been commissioned with the bankruptcy auction of Gallery Thomas, Munich, by insolvency administrator Dr. Hubert Amperl. The superb works from the segment of post-war and contemporary art will be offered in a combination of live and online sales in Cologne from December 2025. Van Ham thus was once more awarded the bid for handling a prominent bankruptcy auction, confirming its leading role in the marketing of large collections on the German auction market.**

Gallery Thomas, which was founded by Raimund Thomas in Munich in 1964, was considered one of the foremost art companies in the field of Classical Modernism, German Expressionism and eminent works of international contemporary art. In addition to painting, sculpture was one of gallerist Raimund Thomas's central areas of interest. Over the past six decades, he made a name for himself not only as an acknowledged art expert but also as an influential figure in the German art trade. In 2016, at the height of his career, the co-founder of Art Cologne was awarded the Art Cologne Prize for his lasting, seminal role in the development of international art fairs.

"It is a great honour for us as a Cologne-based auction house to have been entrusted with the sale of the works of the Munich Gallery Thomas," says Markus Eisenbeis, owner of Van Ham Kunstauktionen.

"Gallery Thomas set benchmarks over the course of decades. Both in terms of artistic quality and of building long-term relationships with collectors. This is a standard we want to live up to with the upcoming auction."

Dr. Hubert Ampferl, a partner in the law firm Dr. Beck und Partner GbR, who as insolvency administrator handles the realization of the gallery's assets, adds: "We look forward to working with Van Ham. The

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company not only has the required expertise and capacity, but also the experience and instinct to do justice to this special collection.”

Van Ham has already been highly successful in the past in comparable projects. With the Achenbach Art Auction, the sale of the works of Gallery Michael Schultz and of the SØR Rusche Collection it has set milestones in German auction history. With the insolvency assets of Gallery Thomas, the company is continuing on this path.



**George Rickey** (1907–2002)  
*Three Squares Vertical Diagonal II* | 1986 | Stainless steel | Each square 91.5 x 91.5 cm  
**Estimate: €30,000–50,000**

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### **Van Ham – About us**

Founded in 1959, the Cologne-based auction house Van Ham is a family business run by Markus Eisenbeis, now in its second generation. The internationally acclaimed auctions cover the areas of Modern & Contemporary Art, Old Masters & Impressionism, Works of Art & Art Nouveau as well as Fine Jewels & Watches. In 2024, Van Ham achieved a total turnover of around 51.2 million euros, putting it in second place among German art auction houses. Van Ham is the market leader among art auction houses in Germany in the Jewels & Watches segment and is also the leader for online sales with over 40 curated Online Only auctions per year.

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