

## 4 x BERLIN · Konrad Knebel for the 90<sup>th</sup>.

Wolfgang Leber · Harald Metzkes · Hans-Otto Schmidt

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Harald Metzkes · Metzer Eck · 2005  
Öl auf Leinwand · 50 x 50 cm

This exhibition is dedicated to Konrad Knebel on his 90th birthday. His fellow painters Wolfgang Leber (born 1936), Harald Metzkes (born 1929) and Hans-Otto-Schmidt (born 1945) wish him a happy birthday with Berlin motifs.

4 x BERLIN – historical-biographical, full of southern flair, lively yet also humorous, in dreamy silence. Four artists depict their city – but is it really the same one?

...Almost no other painter has devoted as much painterly attention to this metropolis as Konrad Knebel. With their burnt and faded façades, his cityscapes recall theatrical sets after one last performance. The actors have already left the stage. The images are silent. The strange thing is – Berlin is no beauty. There are plenty of other motifs a painter might take as his subject, but Knebel's heart burns with a passion for Berlin...

Wolfgang Leber, 2022



Hans-Otto Schmidt · An der Bernauer Straße · 1991  
Öl auf Leinwand · 60 x 50 cm

Konrad Knebel has the good fortune of sitting in the midst of the motif, of strolling and lingering between the buildings, extensions, windowfronts, sheds, entranceways, shops, and inscriptions that reveal the past of this architecture, and making something that has passed away reappear for us. We are likewise captivated by it, for these are beautiful images.

Harald Metzkes, 2022