

## Carol Rama

Curator: Dr. Brigitte Hausmann



October 29, 2021–May 1, 2022

Opening: October 28, 2021, 7pm

Carol Rama (Turin, 1918–2015) was one of the most unconventional figures among twentieth-century women artists. She created art for a period of over 70 years. It was only in her old age and posthumously that this artist, who had always had a presence in the Italian art world, gained international renown. In 2003 she was awarded a Golden Lion for Lifetime Achievement by the Venice Biennale and, particularly in recent years, she has been honored with extensive retrospectives at important museums, such as the Musée d'Art Moderne de la Ville de Paris or New York's New Museum.

In its small, private rooms, the Gutshaus Steglitz will be presenting the first solo exhibition at a noncommercial art institution in Berlin to feature her late graphic work, which owes its existence to the elderly artist's impressive burst of vitality. In the early 1990s, she began to create an extensive body of etchings. The exhibition concentrates on a selection of sheets from the series *Venticinque Aquaforti di Carol Rama*, *Keaton Idilli*, *Personaggi*, *Seduzioni*, *Cadeaux*, *Malelingue*, *Feticci* and *Mucca Pazza*. The works are very diverse in terms of motif and style: from the fantastical images of the portfolio *Venticinque Aquaforti* and the sometimes art-nouveau-like delicacy of the *Seduzioni* to the reductive, minimalist *Cadeau* etchings and the organic *Mucca Pazza* collages.

One unusual and noteworthy feature is the fact that numerous unique pieces are to be found among the works of these editions. Carol Rama's creative drive led her to hand color individual sheets in vibrant colors, usually with watercolors, but occasionally even using unconventional substances and materials like nail polish.

A catalogue featuring numerous reproductions as well as texts by Brigitte Reinhardt and Alexandra Wetzel will be published by Hatje Cantz to accompany the exhibition.

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Free admission

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