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Parzinger: Kulturforum Can Now Become “Museumsinsel of Modern Art”

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Bundestag Budget Committee approves funds for Nationalgalerie’s Museum des 20. Jahrhunderts

The planned budget for the Museum des 20. Jahrhunderts (Museum of the 20th Century) of the Nationalgalerie (National Gallery), part of the Staatliche Museen zu Berlin (National Museums in Berlin), was adopted at today’s Budget Committee of the German Bundestag meeting to finalize the 2020 budget. President Hermann Parzinger of Stiftung Preussischer Kulturbesitz (Prussian Cultural Heritage Foundation) stated: “This is a good day for both Berlin as a city of art and the Kulturforum. With the new building by Herzog & de Meuron, a ‘Museumsinsel of modern art’ is being created next to Potsdamer Platz. I would like to thank the Budget Committee of the German Bundestag, Federal Minister of Finance Olaf Scholz, and Minister of State for Culture Monika Grütters for enabling the Museum des 20. Jahrhunderts to be built to hold the Nationalgalerie’s unique collection. The groundbreaking ceremony will be held in a few days and once again, we will appreciate exactly what is being built: a fascinating art museum dedicated to the art and history of a significant century that will spark debate in contemporary society. At the same time, the new museum will complete the Kulturforum because it finally connects the buildings there – from the Philharmonie, our Staatliches Institut für Musikforschung, and the Neue Nationalgalerie to the Staatsbibliothek zu Berlin, Ibero-Amerikanisches Institut, Kunstbibliothek, Kupferstichkabinett, Kunstgewerbemuseum, and the Gemäldegalerie. I am certain that critics will also recognize the potential of the new Herzog & de Meuron building. We know that the project has a big budget. For this very reason we will be monitoring it closely to make sure that we stay within the newly approved budget.”

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