

## PRESS PREVIEW

# MARTIN PARR EARLY WORKS



Exhibition duration: **September 13, 2024 – January 5, 2025**

Exhibition venue: **Fotografie Forum Frankfurt**

Press tour: **Thursday, September 12, 2024, 11 am**

Opening: **Thursday, September 12, 2024, 7 pm**

Frankfurt am Main, September 4th, 2024 – With the exhibition **MARTIN PARR. EARLY WORKS** on view from September 13, 2024 to January 5, 2025 the Fotografie Forum Frankfurt (FFF) shows another highlight in its 40th anniversary year. As an observer of life, the ironic and socially critical eye of MAGNUM photographer Martin Parr has become an integral part of the history of photography. This exhibition of rarely seen black and white images made by the British photographer between 1970 and 1985 is on view for the first time in Germany.

*Bird clubs in Surrey, pilgrimages to see the Pope in Ireland, holiday resorts, sports and village banquets are only a few of the places and social activities which first grasped Martin Parr's attention. In a special selection of fifty-eight black and white images, this show focuses on the subtleties of the unnoticed episodes found in the everyday: be it in communities draped in local traditions, street life and in the unforgettable fluctuating island weather, Parr makes us always look twice, to cherish the funny sides of life.*

*Included are some of Parr's encompassing views such as "The Mayor of Todmorden's inaugural Banquet", from 1977, where hungry guests squeeze shoulder to shoulder, not to miss the best dish; or two devout Catholics anxiously awaiting a glimpse of Pope John Paul II, Dublin, 1979 atop their kitchen ladder; or the animal protagonists, such as a cow posed like a day-tripper on the hillside of Glastonbury Tor.*

*Simultaneously, the Leica Gallery Frankfurt is showing with MARTIN PARR IN COLOUR (14.09.2024 – 05.01.2025), a selection of photographs in colour made by the British documentary photographer.*

*Together, these two exhibitions provide a complementary overview of the wide range of Martin Parr's work. Exaggeration and hyperbole – his key elements – run like a thread through his early and late photographs, encouraging the viewer to reflect on social and cultural issues and to enjoy more than just the aesthetic aspects of photography.*

**MARTIN PARR. EARLY WORKS** was curated by Celina Lunsford in close collaboration with the photographer and the Martin Parr Foundation.

The publication "Early Works" by the Martin Parr Foundation in collaboration with RRB Photobooks, is available at the FFF for purchase.

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### ACCOMPANYING PROGRAMME

THU, Sept 12, 7 pm **OPENING** »MARTIN PARR. EARLY WORKS« at **FFF**, Braubachstraße 30-32, 60311 Frankfurt am Main

FRI, Sept 13, 7 pm **OPENING** »MARTIN PARR IN COLOUR« at **Leica Galerie Frankfurt**, Großer Hirschgraben 15, 60311 Frankfurt am Main

SAT, Sept 14, 3 pm **MARTIN PARR in conversation** with CELINA LUNSFORD (FFF) and SONJA KRUCHEN (Leica Galerie) at Fotografie Forum Frankfurt [in English]

TUE, Sept 24, Oct 29, Nov 26, 3 pm **CURATOR'S TOURS** with CELINA LUNSFORD and ANDREA HORVAY

**PUBLIC GUIDED TOURS** every Wednesday, 5 pm

**OPENING HOURS** Tue–Sun 11 am–6 pm, Mon closed

**ADMISSION** regular 7 Euro, reduced 4 Euro

For **PRESS IMAGES** please write to [presse@fff frankfurt.org](mailto:presse@fff frankfurt.org)

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### MORE EVENTS

September 13, 2024 to January 5, 2025 exhibition **PASSIONATELY – FFF MEMBERS SHOW**

SAT, Sept 14, 8 pm **FFF MEMBERS PARTY** – with family and friends

SAT, Sept 21, 6:30–10 pm **WORKSHOP EYES ON Frankfurt – INTO THE NIGHT** with MARKUS SEIBEL

THU, Sept 26, 5 pm **TALK & BOOK PRESENTATION PETER LOEWY »TO THE ARTISTS«** with photographer Peter Loewy in conversation with independent curator Dorothee Strauss

### FOTOGRAFIE FORUM FRANKFURT

The Fotografie Forum Frankfurt (FFF) is one of the leading centres of photography in Europe. As an exhibition space, institution and event forum the FFF deals with all aspects of photography. Since its founding in 1984 it has presented at about 270 exhibitions with historic and contemporary artists. Additionally, the programme of the FFF ACADEMY comprises of regular workshops, talks and discussions with internationally renowned photographers, artists and experts. Further information available at [www.fff frankfurt.org](http://www.fff frankfurt.org)

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